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# MINUTES

OF THE

## ELEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

# Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## The Church At Spray

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.

ON

## OCTOBER 1, 2, and 3, 1943

### OFFICERS

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
1311 North Liberty Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

ELDER W. B. STADLER, Clerk
Ridgeway, Virginia

ELDER ROY FLINCHUM, Assistant Clerk
Draper, North Carolina

### ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT ASSOCIATION

The next Association will be held with the Bent Church, at Bent Mountain, Beginning Friday before the First Sunday In OCTOBER 1944.

# PROCEEDINGS

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1943

The Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association met with the Church at Spray, N. C. Song and prayer by Elder John Simms. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Stadler.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association together with Messengers from Sister Associations met in the house. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder J. P. Helms, and then proceeded with business as follows:

First, letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read, and the names of their Messengers enrolled in our statistical table.

Second, called for petitionary letters. None were presented.

Third, the Association re-elected N. B. Gilbert, Moderator, Elder W. B. Stadler, Clerk, and Elder Roy Flinchum, Assistant Clerk.

Fourth, moved and seconded that Moderator make all temporary appointments of Committees.

Fifth, Finance Committee---Elder Z. B Rhodes, T. W. Tilley and Onis Martin.

Sixth, Committee on Arrangements, Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, together with Messengers of Mayo Church.

Seventh, Committee for the Distribution of Minutes ---Brother Ed. Taylor and Brother Overby.

Eighth, Messengers and Visitors from Sister Associations, as follows:
Salem:---Elder S. J. Reich.
Upper Country Line:---Bro. Dyer and others.
Smith River:---Elder Sam Moran and others.
Bear Creek:---Not represented.
Pig River:---Elder J. P. Helms and others.
Little River:---C. L. Dupree.
Elk Horn:---Elder Sam Priddy, Elder England and others.
White Oak:---Not represented.
Abbots Creek:---F. O. Long and others.
Lower Country Line:---Elder S. W. Wyatt.
New River:---Elder Roy Smith and Elder John Simms
Mill Branch:---Not represented.
Seven Miles:---Not represented.
Laurel Springs:---Elder Beasley.
Baltimore:---Not represented.
Yellow River:---Not represented.
Staunton River:---Elder W. R. Dodd.
Zion Association:---Not represented.

Ninth, moved and seconded that we adjourn until ten o'clock Saturday morning

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## SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 1943.

The Association met according to previous arrangement and was opened by song and prayer by Elder Roy Smith.

Tenth, reading the rules of decorum was omitted by agreement.

Eleventh, call for report of Messengers who visited Sister Associations. All reported good Associations. All that failed to attend were excused.

Twelfth, appointment of Messengers to Sister Associations:

Salem:---Elder Bell, Jerry Lewis.
Upper Country Line:---Elder J. M. Stone and Bro. Powell.
Smith River:---Elder Bell, T. W. Tilley, W. B. Stadler.
Pig River:---Elder Jerry Lewis.
Elk Horn:---Bro. S. L. Gilbert and Bro. Jerry Lewis.
Little River:---Elder J. W. Wyatt, Elders Freeman and Pulliam.
Staunton River:---R. M. Flinchum.
Bear Creek:---Elder Freeman and Elder Wyatt.
Abbots Creek:---Elder Freeman and Elder Wyatt.
Lower Country Line:---Elders Pulliam, Wyatt and Freeman.
Mill Branch:---Brother Freeman, Brother R. D. Bell.
Baltimore:---Minutes.
White Oak:--Elder Wyatt and Bro. Freeman.
Yellow River:---Minutes.
Laurel Springs:---Elder J. W. Wyatt.
New River:---Elder J. W. Wyatt, M. L. Gilbert, Bro. Freeman.
Zion:---Bro. Gilbert.
Black Creek:---Elder J W. Wyatt and Bro. Freeman.

Thirteenth, report of Finance Committee. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and the Committee held for the distribution of funds until the close of the Association.

Fourteenth, the Clerk was ordered to have one thousand minutes printed and distributed among the Churches and Sister Associations with whom we are in correspondence.

Fifteenth, a motion was carried that the Clerk make any corrections in minutes deemed advisable before publication.

Sixteenth, it was agreed that the next session of our Association be held with the Bent Church, beginning on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1944.

Seventeenth, Resolved that we return thanks to God for His continued mercies. Also the Brothers, Sisters, and kind friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| Received from Churches | $ 98 55 |
| Received from friends | 81.00 |
| TOTAL | $179.55 |
| Allowed for printing minutes and postage | 50.00 |
| Allowed for Moderator | 10.00 |
| Allowed for Clerk | 15.00 |
| Allowed for Miscellaneous expenses | 5.00 |
| Allowed Visiting Ministers | 90.25 |
| Left in hands of Clerk | 9.30 |
| TOTAL | $179 55 |

Eighteenth, moved and seconded to adjourn until time and place to meet again. The Association closed with song and prayer

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
ELDER W. B. STADLER, Clerk
ELDER ROY FLINCHUM, Ass't. Clerk.

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES

ELDER P. G MEEKS, Spray, N. C.
ELDER J. C. PASCHAL, Reidsville, N. C.
ELDER J. W. WYATT, Martinsville, Va.
ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Winston-Salem, N C.
ELDER J. S. HILL, Peters Creek, Va.
ELDER W. B. STADLER, Ridgeway, Va.
ELDER W. H. FREEMAN, Hillsboro, N C., Rfd., No. 3.
ELDER R. L. DALTON, Stuart, Va.
ELDER J. T. COX, Reidsville, N. C.
ELDER T. L WILLARD, Spray, N. C.
ELDER, J. P. PULLIAM, Spray, N. C.
ELDER ROY FLINCHUM, Draper, N. C.
ELDER R. D. BELL, Mayodan, N. C
ELDER ZEB RHODES, High Point, N. C.
ELDER EMMITT STONE, Fieldale, Va.
ELDER W. J. PUCKETT, Pine Hall, N. C.
ELDER G E. FRAZIER, Draper, N. C.

## LICENTIATES

J. F. NELSON, Winston-Salem, N. C.
S. L. GILBERT, General Delivery, Winston-Salem, N. C.
S. A. BOWMAN, Spray, North Carolina
JAMES GARDNER, Mayodan, N C.

# ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in the Being of God Almighty, eternal unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and the God has revealed Himself in His word under the characters of The Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which Word we believe to be of Divine Authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in The Books of the Old and New Testament as are commonly received.

We believe that God, before the Foundation of the World for a purpose of His own glory did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particularly eternal and unconditional on the part of the creature.

We believe that Adam fell from this state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offsprings in the state of death; and for that original transgression, we all are both Filthy and Guilty in the sight of a Holy God.

We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of man, as fallen creatures, to keep the Law of God perfectly and repent of their sins, truly as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained. The elect shall be called justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

We believe that Justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by Faith Alone.

We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His Grace shall presevere in Holiness and never fall finally away.

We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to work religiously in God's work, not in the old covert way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of Love.

We believe Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances both belonging to the True Believers; and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline; and that associations, councils and conferences of several ministers of churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

We believe in the Resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust and a general judgment.

We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

We do believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters in such association as not to be imposed or in any wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as advisory council.

## ARTICLES 1 AND 7, CHAPTER 3, LONDON ARTICLES OF FAITH

God has (Isa. XLVI:10; Eph. I:11; Heb. VI:17; Rom IX:15-18) decreed Himself from all Eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely, unchangeably. All things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin (James I:15-17; I John I:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein nor is violence offered to the will of the creature nor yet is liberty to contingency of second cause taken but rather (Acts IV:27, 18; John XIX:11) established in which appears His wisdom in despairing all things and power and faithfulness (Num: XXIII:19; Eph. I:3,53) in accomplishing His decree.

The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care, that men attending the will of God revealed in His word and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (I Thes. I:45; II Peters I:10) Eternal election so shall His doctrine afford matter (Eph. I:7; Rom. XI:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God and (Rom. XI:5-6) of humiliation, diligence and abundant (Luke X:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the Gospel

# RULES OF DECORUM

The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Only one person may speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.

No Messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

No Messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

No Messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the rules of this decorum.

No Messenger shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of Brother.

The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other Messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After any Messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

Any Member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

# ORDER OF PREACHING

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

ELDER WALTER BEASLEY---Text 'My Word Has Gone Out."

ELDER W. R. DODD---Text, "Job Answered and Said It Is of a Truth, Etc."

## SATURDAY MORNING

ELDER S. J. PRIDDY---Text, 'I Will Put Amnity Between Thy Seed and Her Seed, Etc."

ELDER JOHN SIMMS---Text, "There Is a Road Unto Death, Etc."

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

ELDER REICH---Clerk Failed to Get Text.

ELDER CECIL TURNER---No Text

ELDER DAN HELMS---No Text.

ELDER ENGLAND---No Text.

## SATURDAY NIGHT

ELDER WALTON AND ELDER MARSHALL---Clerk was not present and failed to get text.

## SUNDAY MORNING

Preaching on Sunday:

ELDER J. P. HELMS, ELDER ROY SMITH
ELDER J. W WYATT and Others

The Primitave Baptist Church at Plainesville met on Saturday before the First Sunday in January 1943, after services in their conference elected Brother John Forbes to be spokesman for the Church.

The Presbytery organized as follows:

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator.
ELDER ZEB RHODES, Clerk.
ELDER Z. L. RHUE, examined the candidate.
ELDER D. R. PYRTLE Laying on of hand and prayer.

The Presbytery including others as follows:

ELDER R. D BELL
ELDER S. J. WHITE

JOHN C. FORBES
J. M. SUTTON
H. L. SHELTON
J. M. STONE
J E. EDWARDS
Deacons.

The Presbytery being organized, the cadidate, Sam L. Gilbert was turned over to them by Deacon John Forbes.

After the Presbytery found him qualified they returned him back to the Church appointed.

Elder Z. L. Rhue to write the credentials.

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
ELDER Z. L. RHUE, Church Moderator
D R. PYRTLE
ELDER ZEB RHODES
R. D. BELL
S. J. WHITE

JOHN FORBES
J. M. SUTTON
H. L. SHELTON
JESSE EDWARDS
J. M. STONE
Deacons.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | MESSENGERS | Meeting Sunday | Received for Baptism | Received by letter | RESTORED | Dismissed by letter | Excluded | Deceased | No. in Fellowship | Amt. of Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cascade | E. J. Taylor, T. J. Snow, Harry Wilson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 9.00 |
| Ridgeway | R. D. Bell and Sister Mosby A. Harris | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 9.45 |
| Spray | Jerry Lewis, Onis Martin, J. T. Alcorn, Sam Nelson | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 90 | 12.00 |
| Macedonia | J. M. Stone, S. J. Shelton, Bro. Percell | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 10.00 |
| Mayodan | B. F. Priddy, H. L Shelton, R. D. Bell | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 41 | 7.50 |
| Pleasantville | Bro. Roberts, John Forbes, Sam Gilberts | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 5.00 |
| Russell Creek | N. B. Gilbert, L. T. Mabe, J. W. Collins, S. J. Craddock | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 27 | 3.05 |
| Snow Creek | R. L. Doss, T. W. Tilley, Walter Mabe | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 6.00 |
| Aarons Fork | R. L. Dalton, J. S. Hill, W. A. Leam, V. H. Overby | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 4.00 |
| Matrimony | J. W. Wyatt, J. T. Cox, J. E. Smith | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 5.00 |
| Spoon Creek | Emmett Stone, J. H. Tudor, R. G. Joyce | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 5.00 |
| Draper | T. F. Edwards, Thad Spain, Roy M. Flinchum, T. J. Denny | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 5.00 |
| Bent | R. D. Bell, D. A. Byrd, Jack Puckett, W. J. Puckett | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 5.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | J. B. Hutchens, O. B. Gilley, R. L. Stone | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 4.00 |
| Goodwill | J. M. Thomas, C. C. Manuel, J. H. Walker | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 5.25 |
|  | TOTAL |  | 3 | 4 |  | 7 | 4 | 10 | 400 | 65.55 |

# MINUTES

OF THE

## TWELFTH SESSION

OF THE

# LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

**The Church at Bent**

PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

ON

**SEPTEMBER 29, 30, and OCTOBER 1, 1944**

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### OFFICERS

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
1311 North Liberty Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

ELDER W. B. STADLER, Clerk
Ridgeway, Virginia

ELDER ROY FLINCHUM, Asistant Clerk
Draper, North Carolina

### ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT ASSOCIATION

The next Association will be held with the Goodwill Church, at Rockingham County, beginning Friday before the First Sunday in OCTOBER, 1945.

# PROCEEDINGS

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1944

The Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association met with the Bent Church. Song and prayer by Elder John Simms. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Sam Dalton.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association together with Messengers from Sister Assoiations met in the house. The Association was opened by song and prayed by Elder N. B. Gilbert, and then proceeded with business as follows:

First, letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read, and the names of their Messengers enrolled in our statistical table.

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Third, the Association re-elected N. B. iGlbert, Moderator, Elder W. B. Stadler, Clerk, and Elder Roy Flinchum, Assistant Clerk.

Fourth, moved and seconded that Moderator make all temporary appointments of Committees.

Fifth, Finance Committee—Bro. Stove, T. W. Tilley and Henry Shelton.

Sixth, Committee on Arrangements, Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, together with Messengers of Mayo Church.

Seventh, Committee for the Distribution of Minutes—Brother Dalton and Brother Tudor.

Eighth, Messengers and Visitors from Sister Associations, as follows:

Salem—None.
Upper Country Line—None.
Smith River—Elder Terry and others.
Bear Creek—Not represented.
Pig River—Elder B. V. Helms.
Little River—Elder Freeman.
Elk Horn—Elder Sam Priddy.
White Oak—Not represented.
Abbots Creek—Not represented.
Lower Country Line—Brother W. H. Blaylock.
New River—Elder Roy Smith and others.
Mill Branch—Not represented.
Seven Miles—Not represented.
Laurel Springs—Not represented.
Baltimore—Not represented.
Yellow River—Not represented.
Staunton River—Not represented.
Zion Association—Not represented.

Ninth, moved and second that we adjourn until ten o'clock Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1944

The Association met according to previous arrangement and was opened by song and prayer by Elder S. J. Priddy.

Tenth, reading the rules of decorum was omitted by agreement.

Eleventh, call for report of Messengers who visited Sister Associations. All reported good Associations. All that failed to attend were excused.

Twelfth, appointment of Messengers to Sister Associations:

Salem—Elders Bell, Stone, Gilbert.
Upper Country Line—T. W. Tilley.
Smith River—Elder Gilbert and Stone.
Pig River—J. H. Tudor and T. W. Tilley.
Elk Horn—Bro. S. L. Gilbert and R. D. Bell.
Little River—None.
Staunton River—James Gardner.
Bear Creek—R. D. Bell and M. B. Gilbert.
Abbots Creek—Elder Gardner and Bell.
Lower Country Line—Elder Stone and Bell.
Mill Branch—None.
Baltimore—Minutes.
White Oak—
Yellow River—Minutes
Laurel Springs—Elder Sam Gilbert and Brother Tilley.
New River—Elder Gardner and Bell.
Zion—Brother Gilbert.
Black Creek—

Thirteen, report of Finance Committee. Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and the Committee held for the distribution of funds until the close of Association.

Fourteenth, the Clerk was ordered to have one thousand minutes printed and distributed among the Churches and Sister Associations with whom we are in correspondence.

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### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

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|---|---|
| Received from Churches | $ 91.40 |
| Received from friends | 20.50 |
| TOTAL | $111.90 |
| Allowed for printing minutes and postage | 50.00 |
| Allowed for Moderator | 10.00 |
| Allowed for Clerk | 15.00 |
| Allowed for Miscellaneous expenses | 5.00 |
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| Left in hands of Clerk | 11.40 |
| | $111.40 |

Eighteenth, moved and second to adjourn until time and place to meet again. The Association closed with song and prayer.

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ELDER S. L. GILBERT, Winston-Salem, N. C.

## LICENTIATES

J. F. NELSON, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Macedonia Church on the 26th day of December, 1943, called a Presbytery of Elders and Deacons and did ordain Elder J. G. Gardner to the full functions of the Gospel ministery. First, they organized by electing Elder R. D. Bell, moderator, and E. G. Clark, clerk, and Elder J. P. Pulliam as spokesman for the Church Elder Emmett Stone examined the candidate and Elder R. D. Bell to deliver the charge. Elder Emmett Stone prayed the ordination prayer. Then the Presbytery delivered him back to the Church. Done by the order of the Church.

ELDER R. D. BELL, Presbytery Moderator.
E. G. CLARK, Presbytery Clerk.

# ORDER OF PREACHING

### SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 30, 1944.

ELDER MARSHALL—Text— "My Grace Is Sufficient."

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

ELDER J. A. PRIDDY— Jer. 18 Chap.
ELDER JAMES GARDNER—Text— 'My Ward Has Gone Out."
ELDER SAM GILBERT—No Text.

### PREACHING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1944

Service was opened by song and prayer by Elder Landon Harris.

MORNING

ELDER SAM MORAN—Text—"Oh Lord Quicken Me Again by Thy Word", written by the Psalmist, David.

ELDER B. V. HELMS—Text—16th chapter, Matthew, 15th verse—Whom do men say that I am, etc.

ELDER LANDON HARRIS—No special text.

ELDER CHANDLER—Text—"Be of Good Cheer You Shalt Be My Witness Rome Also."

ELDER ROY SMITH—Text—3rd chapter Genises, verse nine—"The Lord God Called Unto Adam and Said Where Art Thou."

AFTERNOON

ELDER JESSIE DUNBAR—Text—No special text.

ELDER CECIL TURNER—first chapter of Matthew beginning with the 18th verse, etc.

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## RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

### Leaksville, North Carolina—February 7, 1944

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A copy of this Resolution is to be sent to the family and a copy to be kept with the Church Book. And a copy to be sent to the association to be put on the minutes. Done by the order of the Church written by his unworthy Brother and Clerk.

E. G. CLARK.

The Primitive Baptist Church at Draper being in session on the 13th day of November, 1943, did organize a presbytery and did ordain Brother Thad Spain to the office of deacon. The presbytery was organized by electing Elder Ray S. Smith, moderator; Elder Roy M. Flenchum, clerk; Brother T. J. Denny, spokesman for the church; Brother Denny to inquire into Brother Spain qualifications. Elder J. A. Chandler was appointed to question Brother Spain. Elder Chandler prayed the ordination prayer.

Elder Roy S. Smith gave the charge Deacons Jerry Lewis, Ben Wade, Onis Martin, J. A. Hall, J. M. Griffith, R. A. Poteat, E. J. Taylor, composed the presbytery. After finding Brother Spain qualified, he was delivered into the hands of the church by the order of the presbytery.

ELDER ROY S. SMITH, Church Moderator.
ELDER ROY S. SMITH Presbytery Moderator.
ELDER ROY M. FLENCHUM, Presbytery Clerk.

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The Macedonia Church on the 26th day of December, 1943, called a presbytery of Elders and Deacons and did ordain Brother B. L. Mabe to the office of Deacon. First, they organized by electing Elder R. D. Bell, moderator and E. G. Clark, clerk, and Elder J. P. Pulliam as spokesman for the Church. Elder Emmett Stone prayed the ordination prayer. Then the presbytery delivered him back to the Church done by the order of the Church.

ELDER R. D. BELL, Presbytery Moderator.
E. G. CLARK, Presbytery Clerk.

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## GOODWILL CHURCH

### July 2, 1944

The Goodwill Primitive Baptist Church saw fit to call a presbytery for the purpose of ordaining Brother Laton Wingfield to the full and function of the Gospel. First, Presbytery being organized, then called Elder R. D. Bell for moderator of the Presbytery, third, called Elder W. J. Puckett for clerk. Fourth, called Brother C. C. Manuel for spokesman for the Church.

Fifth, called Elder J. T. Cox to inquire into his orthodox. Sixth called Elder B. H. Martin to pray the ordination prayer. Seventh, the Presbytery called Elder G. H. Doss to give the charge. Eighth, after examining Brother Laton Wingfield the Presbytery found him orthodox. Ninth, then the Presbytery ordained Elder Laton Wingfield to the full function of the Gospel by laying on hands. Tenth, Elder G. H. Doss gave the charge. Eleventh, then the Presbytery moved and seconded to deliver Elder Laton Wingfield back to the Church. Twelfth, the Presbytery moved and seconded that Elder W. J. Puckett to write the credentials.

Closed by order of the Presbytery.

ELDER R. D. BELL, Moderator.
ELDER W. J. PUCKETT, Clerk.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cascade | E. J. Taylor, T. J. Snow, Harry Wilson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 14 | $ 8.00 |
| Ridgeway | R. D. Bell and Sister Moss, Bro. Stone | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5.00 |
| Spray | Jerry Lewis, Onis Matin, J. T. Alcorn, Sam Nelson | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 88 | 10.00 |
| Macedonia | Pro. Parcell, Bro. Mabe and Bro. Gardner | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 8.10 |
| Mayodan | B. F. Priddy, H. L. Shelton, R. D. Bell | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 41 | 6.65 |
| Pleasantville | Bro. Roberts, Sam Gilbert and Bro. Carter | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 5.00 |
| Russell Creek | N. B. Gilbert, L. T. Mabe, J. W. Colins, S. J. Craddock | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 27 | 3.05 |
| Snow Creek | R. L. Doss, T. W. Tilley, Walter Mabe | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 6.65 |
| Aarons Fork | R. L. Dalton, J. S. Hill, W. A. Leak, V. H. Overby | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 5.00 |
| Matrimony | J. T. Cox, Elder Gordon and Stone | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 5.00 |
| Spoon Creek | Emmett Stone, J. H. Tudor, Henry Wood | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 5.00 |
| Draper | T. F. Edwards, Thad Spain, Roy M. Flinchum, T. J. Denny | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 5.00 |
| Bent | R. D. Bell, D. A. Byrd, Jack Puckett, W. J. Puckett | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 5.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | J. B. Hutchens, O. B. Gilley, G. E. Hall | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 4.00 |
| Goodwill | J. M. Thomas, J. H. Walker, Bro. Pulliam | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 5.00 |
|  | TOTAL |  | 3 | 4 |  | 7 | 4 | 10 | 401 | 86.45 |

# MINUTES

OF THE

# 13th Annual Session

OF THE

# LOWER MAYO
# Primitive Baptist
# ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

## Goodwill

HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

OCTOBER 5 - 6 - 7

## 1945

## ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NEXT SESSION

The next session will be held, God willing, with the Church at Macedonia, Rockingham County, N. C., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1946

## OFFICERS

ELDER N. B. GILBERT - MODERATOR
1311 North Liberty Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
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ELDER ROY FLINCHUM - ASSISTANT CLERK
Draper, North Carolina

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# Proceedings

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1945.

The Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association met with the church at Goodwill October 5, 6, 7, 1945.

Song and prayer by Elder S. J. Priddy. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Roy Flinchum, no special text, followed by Elder R. D. Bell, text: By grace are ye saved.

After intermission of one hour the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with messengers from sister Associations met in the house. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder Turner from Seven Mile Association, then proceeded with business as follows:

1. Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read, and names of their messengers enrolled in our Statistical table.
2. Second, called for petitionary letters; none were presented.
3. Elder W. B. Stadler asked to be relieved of his duties as Clerk. His request was granted.
4. The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert, Moderator and Elder Zeb Rhodes, Clerk, and Elder Roy Flinchum, Assistant Clerk.
5. Moved and second that Moderator make all temporary appointments of committees.
6. Finance Committee: Elder R. D. Bell, T. W. Tilly.
7. Committee on Arrangements: Bros. N. G. Hutchens, W. A. Pyrtle, Elder J. T. Cox with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.
8. Committee for the Distribution of Minutes: Elder R. L. Dalton, Thad Spain. Moved and second that the Committee distribute the minutes Saturday morning.
9. Messengers and visitors from sister Associations as follows:

Salem—Brother and Sister Bill Hylton, Sister Letcher Martin and others.
Upper Country Line—Brothren R. D. Shreve and Elic Davis.
Smith River—Brethren W. A. Castle, W. A. Rakes and others.
Pigg River—Sisters May Bell Franklin, Young and others.
Little River—Not represented.
Elkhorn—Elders S. J. Priddy, C. A. Marshall and others.
White Oak—Not represented.
Abbott's Creek—Not represented.
Lower Country Line—Brethren O. J. Clayton, Lester Williford and others.
New River—Elder Golden Harris.
Mill Branch—Not represented.
Seven Mile—Elder L. W. Turner.
Laurel Springs—Elder Jesse Dunbar and others.
Baltimore—Not represented.
Yellow River—Not represented.
Bear Creek—Not represented.

Staunton River—Elder W. R. Dodd, Sister J. Nichols and others.
Zion—Not represented.

10. Moved and second that we adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. Saturday.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 6.

The Association met according to previous arrangement, and opened by song and prayer by Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Reading the Rules of Decorum omitted by agreement.

11. Called for report of messengers who visited sister Associations. All reported good Associations; all that failed to attend were excused.

12. Appointment of messengers to sister Associations:

Salem—Elders R. D. Bell, J. C. Paschel, J. P. Pulliam, Bro. T. W. Tilley.
Upper Country Line—Elders J. C. Paschal, J. P. Pulliam.
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Abbott's Creek—Elders James Gardner, R. D. Bell.
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New River—Elders James Gardner, R. D. Bell, Brother C. C. Biggs.
Mill Branch—Elders Sam Gilbert and R. D. Bell
Seven Mile—Elders J. P. Pulliam, James Gardner.
Laurel Springs—Brother T. W. Tilley, Elder N. B. Gilbert.
Baltimore—Minutes.
Yellow River—Minutes.
Staunton River—Elder J. P. Pulliam.
Zion—Elders Sam Gilbert, R. D. Bell, Brother T. W. Tilley.
Little River—Elders R. D. Bell, J. P. Pulliam, Sam Gilbert, J. C. Paschal.
White Oak—Elders N. B. Gilbert, J. C. Paschal.
Black Creek—Elders J. P. Pulliam, N. B. Gilbert, Sam Gilbert.

13. Report of the Finance Committee. Moved and second that the report be accepted and the Committee be held for distribution of funds until the close of the Association.

14. The Clerk was ordered to have 1000 minutes printed and distributed among the churches and sister Associations with whom we are in correspondence.

15. A motion was carried that the Clerk make corrections in minutes deemed advisable before publication.

16. It was agreed that the next session of our Association be held with the church at Macedonia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in

October, 1946, in Rockingham County.

17. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His continued mercies, also to the brethren and sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| Received from churches | $114.95 |
| Received from friends | 52.15 |
| Left over from last Association | 11.40 |
| After distribution to ministers | 7.50 |
| Total | $186.00 |

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| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | $ 50.00 |
| Allowed for Moderator | 10.00 |
| Allowed for Clerk | 15.00 |
| Allowed for miscellaneous expenses | 2.50 |
| Allowed visiting ministers | 98.50 |
| Allowed for janitor's service | 10.00 |
| Total | $186.00 |

18. Moved and seconded to adjourn until time and place to meet again. The Association closed with song and prayer by Elder Golden Harris.

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
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## ORDINATION OF A DEACON

The Draper Church being in session on the 10th day of March, 1945, organized a Presbytery and ordained Brother W. E. Woods to the office of a Deacon. The Presbytery was organized by electing Elder Roy S. Smith, Moderator and Elder Roy M. Flinchum, Clerk, Brother Thad Spain, Spokesman for the Church. Elder R. S. Smith was elected to inquire into the qualifications of Brother Woods. Elder Roy M. Flinchum to offer the Ordination prayer, Elder R. Smith gave charge after finding him qualified; and having laid hands on him the Presbytery turned him back to the church as her Deacon.

Those serving in the Presbytery were: Elder Roy Smith, J. P. Pulliam, Roy M. Flinchum, Jerry Lewis, J. F. Hall and others.

Done by order of the church.

Elder Roy S. Smith, Moderator, Elder Roy S. Flinchum, Clerk.

# ORDER OF PREACHING

SATURDAY MORNING —

Elder S. J. Priddy, Gen. 1:1.
Elder C. A. Marshall, Luke 19:5.
Elder Cecil Turner, God has wrought a work, etc.

SATURDAY EVENING —

Elder Golden Harris, "I am that I am." Exodus.
Elder J. W. Wyatt, 'Except the Lord build the house."
Elder L. W. Turner, no special text.
Brother Bill Hylton, Chron. 18:13.

SUNDAY MORNING —

Elder Ben Martin, The Word.
Elder A. B. Barham, failed to get text.
Elder G. W. Hill, O foolish Galatians.
Elder Jessie Dunbar, "By my lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

SUNDAY EVENING —

Elder D. A. O'Bryant, Them He foreknew He also predestinated.
Elder Roy Smith excused himself.
Elder George Doss, failed to get text.
Elder J. R. Hollingsworth, 'His name shall be called Jesus."
Elder R. S. Payne, no special text.

# ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Elder P. G. Meeks, Spray, N. C.
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Elder N. B. Gilbert, Winston-Salem, N. C.
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Elder W. B. Stadler, Ridgeway, Va.
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Elder Emmett Stone, Fieldale, Va.
Elder W. J. Puckett, Pine Hall, N. C.
Elder G. E. Frazier, Draper, N. C.
Elder J. G. Gardner, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder Layton Wingfield, Roxboro, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. F. Nelson, Winston-Salem, N. C.

# NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Cascade—E. J. Taylor, Cascade, Va.
Ridgeway—Hilda B. Moseley, Ridgeway, Va.
Spray—W. N. Tilley, Leaksville, N. C.
Macedonia—E. G. Clark, Box 264, Leaksville, N. C.
Mayodan—Henry Shelton, Reidsville, N. C
Pleasantville—J. E. Carter, Rt. 2 Madison, N. C.
Russell Creek—J. W. Collins, Stuart, Va.
Snow Creek—T. W. Tilley, Lawsonville, N. C.
Arons Fork—V. H. Overby, Lawsonville, N. C.
Matrimony—J. E. Smith, Price, N. C.
Spoon Creek—James Tudor, Critz, Va.
Draper—Elder Roy M. Flinchum, Draper, N. C.
Bent—Sister Florence Puckett, Meadows of Dan, Va.
Pleasant Grove—J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va.
Good Will—Johnie Walker, Box 71 Spray, N. C.

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# ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in the Being of God Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of Infinite Holiness, Goodness, Mercy and Truth, and that God has revealed Himself in His word under the characters of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word which we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended in the books of the Old and New Testament as are commonly received.

We believe that God before the foundation of the world for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the part of the creature.

We believe that Adam fell from this state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly and repent of their sins truly as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the Elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

We believe that Justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by Faith alone.

We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

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We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline; and that associations, councils and conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgement.

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| Ridgeway | Sister Hilda Mosley, Eld. Bell, Brother T. S. Stowe | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5.00 |
| Spray | Bros. J. T. Alcorn, J. M. Griffith, W. N. Tilley. Onis Martin | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 89 | 15.00 |
| Macedonia | Bros. E. J. Clark, B. L. Mabe, S. J. Shelton, Eld. J. G. Gardner | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 16.00 |
| Mayodan | Elders R. D. Bell, W. J. Puckett, Bros. J. F. Nelson, Ben Priddy | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 6.50 |
| Pleasantville | Bros. J. E. Forbes, Ernest Hopkins, Eld. Sam Gilbert | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 5.00 |
| Russell Creek | Bros. S. J. Corn, W. M. Creasey, J. W. Collins, Eld. N. B. Gilbert | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 5.50 |
| Snow Creek | Bros. Roy Doss, T. W. Tilley, H. Tilley, Eld. Zeb Rhodes | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 7.15 |
| Aaron Fork | Eld. R. L. Dalton, Bros. W. A. Leak, V. H. Overby | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 6.00 |
| Matrimony | Eld. J. G. Gardner, Bros. T. S. Stowe, J. E. Smith and Sister Stowe | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 8.30 |
| Spoon Creek | Bros. J. H. Tudor, H. E. Wood, R. G. Joyce, Eld. Emmett Stone | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 7.25 |
| Draper | Eld. R. M. Flinchum Bros., W. E. Woods, Thad Spain, T. F. Edwards | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 41 | 7.00 |
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|  | Totals |  | 7 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 410 | $114.95 |

Sam T. Gilbert Dec-16-1946

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# PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, October 4, 1946.

THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with the Church at Macedonia, Rockingham County, N. C.

Song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Sam Hill, no special text, followed by Elder J. G. Gardner, no special text.

After intermission of one hour the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association together with messengers from sister Associations met in the house. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder Golden Harris from New River, then proceeded with business as follows:

1. Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read and names of their messengers enrolled in our statistical table.

2. Called for petitionary letters, none were presented.

The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert, Moderator, Elder Zeb Rhodes, Clerk, Elder Roy Flinchum, Assistant Clerk.

4. Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments of committees.

5. Finance Committee: T. W. Tilley and Onis Martin.

6. Committee on Arrangements: C. C. Shreve, B. L. Mabe, S. J. Shelton, with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

7. Committee for Distribution of minutes: Bros. Tony Stowe and V. H. Overby.

8. Messengers and visitors from sister Associations as follows:

Salem: Elders D. A. O'Bryant, G. W. Hill, D. R. Pyrtle, Brother Lester Wood and others.

Upper Country Line: Brother J. C. Hall and wife

Smith River: Elders S. L. Moran, Ben Martin, Brother J. B. Austin.

Pigg River: Elder U. C. Young and wife, Bro. J. A. Perdue and others.

Little River: Elders T. F. Adams, E. C. Jones, Hassel Freeman.

Elk Horn: Elders S. J. Priddy, and wife, C. A. Marshall and wife.

White Oak: Elder Hill Edwards,, Bro. Arthor Young and wife.

Abbott's Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson and wife, Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife.

Lower Country Line: Brothers Jim Blalock, Otto Clayton, Lester Williford and wife.

New River: Elder Golden Harris, J. S. Phillips.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Laurel Springs: Bro. Flinchum and wife, Sister Smith.

Baltimore: Minutes.

Yellow River: Minutes.

Bear Creek: Brother W. A. Howard.

Staunton River: Sister Link.

Zion: Minutes.

9. Moved and seconded that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

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**SATURDAY October 5, 1946.**

The Association met according to previous arrangements and opened by song and prayer by Elder J. J. Staten from Mates Creek Association of Kentucky.

Reading the rules of decorum was omitted by motion.

10. Called for report of messengers who visited Sister Associations. Moved that we receive report and excuse those who did not go.

11. Moved that we send a committee to Mates Creek Association, Elders Emmet Stone, Layton Wingfield, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert

12. Appointment of messengers to sister Associations:

Salem: Elder W. J. Pucket, J. G. Gardner, Brother T. W. Tilley, Henry Shelton, Sam Shelton.

Upper Country Line: Elders J. C. Paschal, Layton Wingfield.

Smith River: Elders Emmet Stone, J. C. Paschal, R. L. Dalton, Bro. Sam Corn.

Bear Creek: Elders J. C. Paschal, W. J. Puckett.

Pigg River: Elders Emmet Stone, Layton Wingfield.

Elkhorn: Elders Emmet Stone, Layton Wingfield, W. J. Puckett, Brother T. W. Tilley.

Abbott's Creek: Elders Sam Gilbert, W. J. Puckett.

Lower Country Line: Elders Emmet Stone, J. C. Paschal.

New River: Elder S. L. Gilbert, Brothers Tony Stowe, J. H. Owens.

Mill Branch: Elders S. L. Gilbert, J. C. Paschal.

Seven Mile: Elder J. C. Paschal.

Laurel Springs: Elder S. L. Gilbert, Bro. T. W. Tilley, J. H. Owens.

Baltimore: Minutes.

Yellow River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Elder Emmet Stone, Bro. C. C. Shreve.

Zion: Elders S. L. Gilbert, R. L. Dalton, Bro. T. W. Tilley.

Little River: Elder J. C. Paschal.

Yellow River: Minutes.

Black Creek: Elders N. B. Gilbert, S. L. Gilbert.

The Clerk was ordered to have 1000 minutes printed and distributed among the churches and sister Associations with whom we are in correspondence.

A motion was carried that the Clerk make corrections in the minutes deemed advisable before publication.

It was agreed that the next session of our Association be held with the Church at Cascade in Pitts County, Va., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1947.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His continued mercies; also to the brethren and sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

Report of Finance Committee:

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| Received from Churches | $147.30 |
| Received from friends | 47.70 |
| Total | $195.00 |

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| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | $50.00 |
| Allowed for Moderator | 10.00 |
| Allowed for Clerk | 15.00 |
| Allowed for Miscellaneous expenses | 2.30 |
| Allowed for Janitor | 10.00 |
| Allowed for visiting ministers | 107.70 |
| Total | $195.00 |

Moved that we adjourn until time and place to meet again.

The Association closed with song and prayer by Elder T. F. Adams.

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
ELDER ZEB RHODES, Clerk
ELDER ROY FLINCHUM, Ass't Clerk

## PREACHING SERVICE

**Friday Evening:**

Elder S. T. Atkinson, My sheep here my voice.
Elder E. C. Jones, Bless the Lord O my soul.

**Saturday morning:**

Elder W. E. Jarrel, no special text; Elder B. H. Martin, And he shewed me a pure river of water, Rev 22:1; Elder D. A. O'Bryant, I am that I am, Ex. 3:14;

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder T. F. Adams, (failed to get text); Elder Hill Edwards, Comfort ye my people; Elder S. L. Moran, If possible let this cup pass; Elder W. C. King, (failed to get text);

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder J. J. Staten, She has hewn out her seven pillars; Elder S. J. Priddy, Light shined in darkness; Elder Golden Harris, Never will leave Himself without a witness; Elder R. S. Smith, 1 Cor. 19:15.

**Sunday Evening:**

Elder G. W. Hill, Upon this Rock I build my church; Elder Joe Boles, (failed to get text).

## ORDINATION OF J. H. OWEN, DEACON

July 6, 1946

Cascade Primitive Baptist Church.

This is to certify those who composed the presbytery in the ordination as Deacon, Brother J. H. Owens, were: Elder R. S. Smith, Moderator, J. T. Alcorn, Clerk, Brother Robert Lee Dyer, spokesman for the church. Brother Ben Wade asked questions, then finding Brother Owens qualified for deacon the church moved and second that Elder R. S. Smith deliver the charge and also pray the ordination prayer in the laying on of hands.

The Presbytery was as follows: Brothers Ben Wade, J. M. Griffith, Onice Martin, R. A. Poteat, Ed Taylor, John C. Hall, T. J. Snow, A. A. Sigman, J. T. Alcorn, Thad Spain, Elder Layton Wingfield,

Moved and seconded to excuse Presbytery. This done by order of the church.

Elder R. S. Smith, Mod. Bro. J. T. Alcorn, Acting Clerk

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## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder P. G. Meeks, Spray, N. C.
Elder J. C. Paschal, Reidsville, N. C.
Elder N. B. Gilbert, Winston-Salem, N. C.
704 West 13th St., Phone 3-5543.
Elder J. S. Hill, Peters, Creek, Va.
Elder W. B. Stadler, Ridgeway, Va.
Elder R. L. Dalton, Stuart, Va.
Elder J. T. Cox, Reidsville, N. C.
Elder T. L. Willard, Spray, N. C.
Elder J. P. Pulliam, Spray, N. C.
Elder Roy Flinchum, Draper, N. C.
Elder R. D. Bell, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder Zeb Rhodes, High Point, N. C.
Elder Emmett Stone, Fieldale, Va.
Elder W. J. Puckett, Pine Hall, N. C.
Elder G. E. Frazier, Draper, N. C.
Elder J. G. Gardner, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder Layton Wingfield, Roxboro, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. F. Nelson, Winston-Salem, N. C.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Cascade—E. J. Taylor, Cascade, Va.
Ridgeway—Hilda B. Moseley, Ridgeway, Va.
Spray—W. N. Tilley, Leaksville, N. C.
Macedonia—E. G. Clark, Box 264, Leaksville, N. C.

Mayodan—Henry Shelton, Reidsville, N. C
Pleasantville—J. E. Carter, Rt. 2 Madison, N. C.
Russell Creek—J. W. Collins, Stuart, Va.
Snow Creek—T. W. Tilley, Lawsonville, N. C.
Arons Fork—V. H. Overby, Lawsonville, N. C.
Matrimony—J. E. Smith, Price, N. C.
Spoon Creek—James Tudor, Critz, Va.
Draper—Elder Roy M. Flinchum, Draper, N. C.
Bent—Sister Florence Puckett, Meadows of Dan, Va.
Pleasant Grove—J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va.
Good Will—Johnie Walker, Box 71 Spray, N. C.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in the Being of God Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of Infinite Holiness, Goodness, Mercy and Truth, and that God has revealed Himself in His word under the characters of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word which we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended in the books of the Old and New Testament as are commonly received.

We believe that God before the foundation of the world for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the part of the creature.

We believe that Adam fell from this state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly and repent of their sins truly as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the Elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

We believe that Justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by Faith alone.

We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to work religiously in God's work, not in the covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

We believe Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances both belonging to the true believer; and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptized after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline; and that associations, councils and conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgement.

We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

We do believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters in such association as not to be imposed or in any wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as advisory council.

## ARTICLES 1 AND 7, CHAPTER III, LONDON CONFESSION OF FAITH

1. God has (Isa. 45:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17; Rom. 9:15-17) decreed in Himself from all eternity by the most wise and holy counsel of His will freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin (Jas. 1:15,17; 1 Jn. 1:5), nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; Jn. 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree.

7. The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (1 Thess. 1:4,5; 2 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God and (Rom. 11:5,6) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 10:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person may speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No Messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.
5. No Messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.
6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.
7. No Messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the rules of decorum.

8. No Messenger shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of Brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other Messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After any Messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any Member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | CHURCH MESSENGERS | Sun. of meeting | Rec'd by Bap. | Rec'd by letter | Restored | Dis. by letter | Excluded | Deceased | Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cascade ........ | Bros. E. J. Taylor, J. H. Owen, T. J. Snow, R. L. Dyer.......... | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16 | $15.00 |
| Ridgeway ...... | Eld. R. D. Bell, Bro. T S. Stowe, Sister Hilda B. Mosley .......... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | 5.00 |
| Spray .......... | Bros. W. N. Tilley, Jerry Lewis, Onis Martin, J. T. Alcorn ........ | 3 | 4 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 88 | 18.20 |
| Macedonia ...... | Bros. B. L. Mabe, S. J. Shelton, E. G. Clark, C. C. Shreve ........ | 4 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 29 | 24.35 |
| Mayodan ....... | Elds. R. D. Bell, W. J. Puckett Bros. B. F. Priddy, H. L. Shelton, | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 51 | 5.00 |
| Pleasantville .... | Eld. S. L. Gilbert, Sister E. McCollum, Bro. John Carter .......... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 15 | 6.00 |
| Russel Creek ... | Eld. N. B. Gilbert, Bros. W. M. Creasey, J. W. Collins .......... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 28 | 6.00 |
| Snow Creek .... | Bros. T. W. Tilley, R. L. Doss, Walter Mabe, Zack Moor ........ | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 22 | 10.00 |
| Aron Fork ...... | Eld. R. L. Dalton, Bros. V. H. Overby, W. A. Leek .............. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 4 | 22 | 6.00 |
| Matrimony ..... | Eld. J. G. Gardner, Tony Stowe, Mabel Rhodes, Annil Oakly...... | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 27 | 7.00 |
| Spoon Creek .... | Eld. Emmett Stone, Bros. C. C. Biggs, J. H. Tudor, H. E. Wood.. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 | 14.00 |
| Draper ......... | Eld. Roy Flinchum, Bros. Thad Spain, W. E. Wood, J. A. Smith.. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 | 10.00 |
| Bent ........... | Eld. R. D. Bell, Bros. A. D. Boyed, Eld. W. J. Puckett ............ | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 5.75 |
| Pleasant Grove .. | Eld. N. B. Gilbert, R. L. Stowe, O. B. Gilley, Sister Blance Stowe | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | 10.00 |
| Goodwill ....... | Bros. J. M. Thomas, N. G. Hutchens, Eld. J. T. Cox ............ | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 15 | 5.00 |
|  | Absentees* Totals ................ | .. | 11 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 422 | 147.30 |

# MINUTES

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## 15th Annual Session

— of the —

# Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

**Cascade**

Cascade, Virginia

OCTOBER 3, 4, 5,

**1947**

1948 Session will be held, God willing, with the Church at Aarons Fork, Stokes County, N. C., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October and continue three days.

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## OFFICERS

ELDER N. B. GILBERT . . . Moderator
704 West 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C.
ELDER ZEB RHODES . . . .Clerk
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ELDER ROY FLINCHUM . . . Assistant Clerk
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# PROCEEDINGS

## OF THE 15th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT CASCADE, VIRGINIA, October 3, 4, 5, 1947.

**Friday October 3, 1947.**

1. After prayer by Elder G. H. Gentry the introdhctory sermon was preached by Elder R. D. Bell, followed by Elder N. B. Gilbert.

After intermission of one hour the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association together with messengers from sister Associations met in the house. The association was opened by song and prayer by Elder S. J. Priddy, then proceeded with business as follows:

2. Letters from the several churches of our association were called for, read and names of their messengers enrolled in our statistical table.

3. Called for petitionary letters, none presented.

The association reelected Elder N. B. Gilbert, Moderator, and Elder Zeb Rhodes, Clerk, Elder Roy Flinchum, Assistant Clerk.

4. Moved and second that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

5. Finance Committee:. J. H. Owens, T. W. Tilley.

6. Committee on Arrangements: J. H. Owens, R. L. Dyer, A. J. Taylor, Harry Wilson, with Moderator and Clerk and assistant Clerk

7. Committee for Distribution of Minutes:: Bros. W. A. Bryant and W. E. Wood.

Messengers and Visitors from Sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Minutes

Baltimore: none.

Bear Creek: Minutes

Elkhorn: Elders S. J. Priddy, C. A. Marshall and wife, J. H. Gentry, W. S. England, and others

Lower Country Line: Minutes

Laurel Springs: Elder Ed Hall, Sister Bessie Mosley

Little River: Minutes

Mill Branch: Minutes

New River: Elders Golden Harris, Roy Smith, Bro. J. S. Phillips

Pigg River: Brother Fred Skelton, Sister Franklin Elder U. C. Young and wife and others

Smith River: Elder Ben Martin, Bro. Jefferson, Bro. Cassell and wife and others.

Staunton River: Elder W. R. Dodd, Bro. P. S. Holley and wife

Salem: Eld. A. B. Barham, Sister Tillman, Bro. & Sister Elgin, Bro. Cobb

Seven Mile: Minutes

Upper Country Line: Bros. Alex Davis, T. I. Saunders, Elder W. J. Berry and othes.

Yellow River: none

White Oak: Minutes

Zion: Minutes

Move and second that we adjourn until Saturday morning 9 o'clock.

**Saturday, October 4, 1947:**

The Association met according to previous arrangements and opened by song and prayer by Elder C. A. Marshall.

Reading the Rules of Decorum omitted.

10. Called for report of messengers who visited Sister Associations.

11. Appointment of messengers to Sister Associations:

Abbott's Creek: Elders J. G. Gardner, R. D. Bell, Sam Gilbert. Bros. C. C. Biggs, Elder W. J. Puckett, Bro. A. J. Lemons
Baltimore: none
Bear Creek: Elders W. J. Puckett, Emmett Stone, J. T. Pulliam and R. D. Bell
Black Creek: Elders Emmett Stone, N. B. Gilbert
Elkhorn: Elders Emmett Stone, Sam Gilbert, R. D. Bell, Layton Wingfield, Bros. T. W. Tilley, C. C. Biggs
Kehukee: Minutes
Lower Country Line: Elders R. D. Bell, Emmett Stone, Layton Wingfield, Bro. A. J. Lemons
Laurel Springs: Elder Sam Gilbert, Bros. J. H. Owens, T. W. Tilley
Little River: Elder J. P. Pulliam
Mates Creek: Elders Emmett Stone, Sam Gilbert, Layton Wingfield, Charlie Biggs
Mill Branch: Elders Sam Gilbert, J. P. Pulliam
New River: Elders Sams Gilbert, Emmett Stone, Bros. C .C. Biggs, Tony Stowe and J. H. Owens
Pigg River: Elders Emmett Stone, Layton Wingfield
Smith River: Elders R. L. Dalton, J. T. Pulliam, Bro. C. C. Biggs
Staunton River: Elders Emmett Stone, J P. Pulliam, J H. Owens, Layton Wingfield
Salem: Elder R. D. Bell, T. W. Tilley, Elder J. G. Gardner, Bro.
Seven Mile: Elder J. P. Pulliam
Upper Country Line: Elders Layton Wingfield, Sam Gilbert, R. D. Bell and Emmett Stone
White Oak: Elders Emmett Stone, N. B. Gilbert, A. J. Lemons
Yellow River: Minutes
Zion: Elders Sam Gilbert, R. L. Dalton, Bros. C. C. Biggs, T. W. Tilley

Move and second that we print the oldest ministers at head of list.

Move and second that Clerk keep what was allowed for his services.

Move and second that we insert the obituary of Brother T. F. Gilbert in our minutes.

Move and second that Elder Meeks obituary be inserted also.

Move and second that the next Association go to Aaron Fork Church in Stokes County, N. C., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1948.

The Clerk was ordered to have 1000 minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Sister Associations with whom we correspond.

A motion was carried that the Clerk make corrections in the minutes deemed advisable before publication.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His continued mercies.

We thank the brethren and sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this association.

Report of Finance Committee:

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|---|---|
| Received from churches | $196.30 |
| Received from friends | 76.65 |
| Total | $273.45 |

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| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | $50.00 |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 |
| Allowed Clerk | 15.00 |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 |
| Allowed for miscellaneous expenses | 2.30 |
| Allowed for visiting ministers | 179.15 |
| Total | $261.45 |

Balance held over $12.00

Moved that we adjourn until time and place to meet again.

The association closed with song and prayer by Elder Jesse Dunbar from Laurel Springs Association.

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
ELDER ZEB RHODES, Clerk
ELDER ROY FLINCHUM, Ass't Clerk

## PREACHING SERVICES

**Friday Evening:**

Elder W. S. England, no special text
Elder J. C. Tilley, I am God and change not
Elder W. R. Dodd, no special text

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder C. A. Marshall, Gen. 24:27
Elder Ben Martin, 1 Cor. 2, Preach the word
Elder S. J. Priddy, Awake O sword

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder J. F. Stegall, I will be a wall of fire about her
Elder W. J. Berry, no special text
Elder S. L. Moran, no special text
Elder A. B. Barham, 2 Thess. 2:13

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder R. S. Payne, Acts 4:8
Elder J. H. Gentry, Blow ye the trumpet in Zion
Elder Golden Harris, He will never leave himself without a witness
Elder Joe Boles, excused himself
Elder Jesse Dunbar, By the disobedience of one man etc.

**Sunday Evening:**

Elder Walter Beasley, Gen. 1: God said, let there be light.
Elder D. A. O'Briant, Isa. 53:1

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION, WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND YEAR THEY WERE ORDAINED

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|---|---|
| N. B. Gilbert, 704 West 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone 3-5543 | 1906 |
| J. T. Cox, Reidsville, N. C. | 1913 |
| J. P. Pulliam, Spray, N. C. | 1930 |
| J. S. Hill, Stuart, Va. | 1930 |
| Emmett Stone, Fieldale, Va. | 1932 |
| R. L. Dalton, Stuart, Va. | 1934 |
| T. L. Willard. Spray, N. C. | 1935 |
| R. D. Bell Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| Roy Flinchum, Draper, N. C. | 1939 |
| Zeb Rhodes, Rt. 4, High Point, N. C. | 1939 |
| W. J. Puckett, Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| G. E. Frazier, Draper, N. C. | 1942 |
| J. C. Paschal, Reidsville, N. C. | 1942 |
| J. G. Gardner, Mayodan, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. L. Gilbert, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| Layton Wingfield, Cascade, Va. | 1944 |

**Licentiates:**

Brother J. F. Nelson, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Brother Burnice Taylor

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Aaron Fork—Will Bryant, Lawsonville, N. C.
Pleasantville—J. E. Carter, Rt. 2, Madison, N. C.
Matrimony—J. E. Smith, Price, N. C.
Spoon Creek—Sister Annie Tudor, Critz, Va.
Pleasant Grove—J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va.
Draper—Elder Roy M. Flinchum, Draper, N. C.
Mayodan—Henry Shelton, Reidsville. N. C.
Snow Creek—T. W. Tilley, Lawsonville, N. C.
Russel Creek—J. W. Collins, Stuart, Va.
Ridgeway—Hilda Mosley, Ridgeway, Va.
Spray—W. N. Tilley, Leaksville, N. C.
Bent—Florence Puckett, Meadows of Dan, Va.
Goodwill—Johnnie Walker, Box 71, Spray, N. C.
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## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

### ELDER P. G. MEEKS

Leaksville, N. C., April 28, 1947

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A copy of this resolution is to be put on our Association minute, a copy sent to the Old Faith Contender, and a copy to the bereaved family, and a copy kept with the church book.

Done by order of the Church. Written by his unworthy brother, I hope, E. G. Clark, Clerk

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Funeral services were conducted at the home, Sunday, April 20, 1947, by the writer and Elder Emmett Stone, and burial made in the family cemetery.

Written by N. B. Gilbert and received by order of the church, this 7th day of June, 1947.

N. B. Gilbert, Moderator
Annie Tudor, Clerk, pro tem

## T. F. GILBERT

By request of Russell Creek Church, I will attempt to write the obituary of Brother T. F. Gilbert, who was born August 21, 1859, died April 5, 1947; making his stay here on earth 87 years, 7 months, and 14 days. He was married to Amanda E. Rogers, March 1884. To this union was born 6 children: 3 boys and 3 girls. One son, Sam, died 61 years ago, also his wife preceded him to the grave 20 years ago. His wife joined the church at Russell Creek, the first Sunday in July, 1899.. He was ordained to the office of deacon, the first Saturday in December, 1911. This office he served faithfully as long as he was able to go to church. He was a good neighbor, a good husband and father, and a good member.

Funeral services were held April 7, by Rev. Mann and the writer. He was laid to rest in Way Side Methodist Church Cemetery, there to await the call when God shall call for the sleeping dead, saying to the north and the south and to the sea to keep not back; and He shall say to His saints to come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared before the foundation of the world. Among whom we trust he will be blessed to sing forever in the world without end.

Written by N. B. Gilbert; done by order of the Church this 5th day of July, 1947. N. B. Gilbert, Mod.; J. W. Collins, Clerk

# STATISTICAL TABLE

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cascade ........ | E. J. Taylor, J. H. Owen, R. L. Dyer, Harry Wilson ............ | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17 | $25.00 |
| Ridgeway ...... | Eld. R. D. Bell, Hilda Mosely, Sister Harris .................... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 16.75 |
| Spray .......... | W. N. Tilley, Onis Martin, Jerry Lewis, Thomas Robertson ...... | 3 | 6 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 92 | 33.00 |
| Macedonia ...... | E. G. Clark, C. C. Shreve, B. L. Mabe, Eld. R. D. Bell ........... | 4 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 29 | 25.40 |
| Pleasantville .... | Eld. S. L. Gilbert, A. G. Roberts, Emma S. McCollum, Lula Roberts | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 13 | 6.00 |
| Russel Creek ... | Eld. N. B. Gilbert, S. J. Corn, L. S. Mabe, J. W. Collins ........ | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 25 | 5.00 |
| Snow Creek .... | T. W. Tilley, R. L. Doss, J. T. Manning, H. D. Tilley ............ | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18 | 13.25 |
| Aron Fork ...... | Elds. R. L. Dalton, Sam Hill, Bro. W. A. Bryant, W. A. Leak .... | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 22 | 7.40 |
| Mayodan ....... | Elds. R. D. Bell, W. J. Puckett, Bros H. L. Shelton, A. J. Lemons | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 51 | 9.50 |
| Matrimony ..... | Tony Stowe, Mable Rhodes, Lucy Stowe, Eld. J. G. Gardner ...... | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 25 | 12.25 |
| Spoon Creek .... | Tom Stowe, C. C. Biggs, Harry Wood, Eld. Emmett Stone ...... | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 17 | 10.00 |
| Draper ......... | Eld. R. M. Flinchum, Thad Spain, W. E. Woods, T. F. Edwards | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 42 | 17.45 |
| Bent ........... | Not represented ............................................ | . | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | ..... |
| Pleasant Grove .. | O. B. Gilley, J. B. Hutchens, Eld. S. L. Gilbert .................. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 | 10.30 |
| Goodwill ....... | Elds. J. T. Cox, G. E. Frazier, Bros. Gilbert, G. E. Thomas ...... | 1 | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 19 | 5.00 |
|  | Totals............................ |  | 17 | 2 | .. | 3 | 1 | 14 | 403 | 196.30 |

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# PROCEEDINGS

## OF THE 16th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT AARON FORK, STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, 1948

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1948

After prayer by Walter Beasley the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder N. B. Gilbert, followed by Elder J. T. Cox.

After intermission of one hour the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association together with messengers from Sister associations met in the house. The association was opened by song and prayer by Elder S. J. Priddy.

Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for, read and names of their messengers enrolled in our statistical table.

Called for Petitionary letters—none presented.

The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert Moderator, and Elder Zeb Rhodes, Clerk, Elder Sam Gilbert, Assistant Clerk.

It was moved and seconded that the moderator make all temporary appointments

Finance Committee: Elder J. T. Cox, Brother T. W. Tilley.

Committee on Arrangemets: Elder Jessie Paschal, Brother Harry Wood, Brother Tom Manring with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Committee for distribution of minutes: Brother E. J. Clark, Elder J. P. Pulliam.

Messengers and visitors from Sister Associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elder S. J. Atkinson and wife, Elder Will Jarrel and wife.

Baltimore: Minutes

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Elkhorn: Elder S. J. Priddy and wife, Elder S. F. Collins.

Lower Country Line: Minutes

Laurel Springs: Elder J. C. Dunbar and wife, Brother Earlie Snead and wife, Robert Cox and others.

Little River: Elder W. H. Freeman

Mill branch: Minutes

New River: Elder Golden Harris, Brother Guy B. Phillips

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Smith River: Elders Sam Moran, Ben Martin, Lemuel Gilbert, B. O. Thompson and others.

Staunton River: Minutes

Salem: Elder D. A. O'Bryant, Brother Lester Wood, Sister Tillman, Sister Hutchens and others.

Seven Mile: Minutes

Upper Cuntry Line: Minutes

Yellow River: Minutes

White Oak: Moved and seconded that we do not seat White Oak at this sitting.

Zion: E. G. McKinney and J. E. Easter.

Mates Creek: Elder R. C. Bell and wife

Pocatalico: Brother E. J. Smith

Spray Church, Draper Church and Cascade Church asked to be dismissed from the Lower Mayo Association. The Association granted their request.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 9 o'clock.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1948

The Association met according to previous arrangements and opened by song and prayer by Elder Golden Harris.

By move and second we omitted reading the rules of Decorum.

Called for report of messengers who visited Sister Associations; the report was received.

Appointment of messengers to Sister Associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elder Sam Hill, Elder W. J. Puckett, Brother Henry Shelton.

Baltimore: Minutes

Bear Creek: Elder J. P. Pulliam

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Sunday in Ocober, 1949 and continuing three days.

Report from Finance Committee:

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| Received from Churches | $192.60 |
| Received from friends | 8.75 |
| Total | $201.35 |
| Allowed for printing minutes | $ 50.00 |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 |
| Allowed Clerk | 15.00 |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 |
| For miscellaneous expenses | 2.50 |
| Allowed for visiting ministers | 114.00 |
| Total | $196.50 |
| Balance held over | $ 4.85 |

Moved and second that the Clerk have one thousand minutes printed and distributed among our churches and to the Sister Assoiations with whom we correspond.

A motion was carried that the Clerk make corrections in the minutes deemed advisable before publication.

Resolved, that we return thanks to God for His continued mercies. We thank the brethren and sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this association.

The Association was closed by prayer by Elder Hassel Freeman.

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## PREACHING SERVICE

**Friday Evening:**

Elder D. A. O'Bryant (failed to get text)
Elder Sam Atkinson (no special text)

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder Will Jarrel (failed to get text)
Elder Otis Conner (failed to get text)
Elder B. C. Thompson "God who is rich in mercy"
**Elder A. M. Gentry, St. John 15**
Elder Hassel Freeman, (no special text)

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder S. J. Priddy, "I have heard the cries of my people"
Elder Sam Moran, "All power is given in to my hands"
Elder Golden Harris, "The elders which are among you I exhort."
Elder Walter Beasley, "O that I knew where I could find Him."

**Sunday Morning:**

After prayer by Elder Jessie Dunbar
Elder R. C. Bell, Ordered in all things and sure.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Ephesians 2:4
Elder G. W. Hill, Whom shall teach knowledge?
Elder J. A. Brooks (no special text)
Elder C. A. Marshall, "I leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people."
Elder Sandy Collins, My doctrine shall drop as the rain

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION, WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND YEAR THEY WERE ORDAINED

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| J. P. Pulliam, Spray, N. C. | 1930 |
| J. S. Hill, Stuart, Va. | 1930 |
| Emmett Stone, Fieldale, Va. | 1932 |
| R. L. Dalton, Stuart, Va. | 1934 |
| T. L. Willard Spray, N. C. | 1935 |
| R. D. Bell Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| Roy Flinchum, Draper, N. C. | 1939 |
| Zeb Rhodes, Rt. 4, High Point, N. C. | 1939 |
| W. J. Puckett, Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| G. E. Frazier, Draper, N. C. | 1942 |
| J. C. Paschal, Reidsville, N. C. | 1942 |
| J. G. Gardner, Mayodan, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. L. Gilbert, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| Layton Wingfield, Cascade, Va. | 1944 |
| N. B. Gilbert, 704 West 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone 3-5543 | 1906 |
| J. T. Cox, Reidsville, N. C. | 1913 |

**Licentiates:**

Brother J. F. Nelson, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Brother Burnice Taylor

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Aaron Fork—Will Bryant, Lawsonville, N. C.
Pleasantville—J. E. Carter, Rt. 2, Madison, N. C.
Matrimony—Sister Mabel Rhodes, Price, Va.
Spoon Creek—Sister Cora Stowe, 108 Askin St., Martinsville, Va.
Pleasant Grove—J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va.
Mayodan—Henry Shelton, Reidsville, N. C.
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Ridgeway—Hilda Mosley, Ridgeway, Va.
Bent—Florence Puckett, Meadows of Dan, Va.
Goodwill—Johnnie Walker, Box 71, Spray, N. C.
Macedonia—E. G. Clark, Box 264, Leaksville, N. C.

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| Pleasantville .... | Glenn Roberts, John Forbes, Ernest Hopkins, Eld. Sam Gilbert ... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 | $ 5.00 |
| Matrimony ..... | Eld. James Gardner, Tony Stowe, Sister Stowe, Sister Mabel Rhodes | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 24 | 15.00 |
| Spoon Creek .... | W. A. Freeman, R. G. Joyce, H. E. Wood ..................... | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 18 | 10.50 |
| Pleasant Grove.. | O B. Gilley, J. B Hutchens, J. H. Hawkins, Eld. N. B. Gilbert ..... | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 21 | 11.30 |
| Mayodan ....... | Elders R. D. Bell, W J. Puckett, H. L. Shelton, A. J. Lemons ..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52 | 8.00 |
| Snow Creek ..... | T. W.Tilley, J. T. Manring, R. L. Doss, H. D. Tilley ........... | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 16 | 10.80 |
| Russel Creek ... | Eld. N. B. Gilbert, W. M. Creasey, J. W. Collins, L. T. Mabe .... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 26 | 5.00 |
| Ridgeway ....... | Eld. R. D. Bell, Tony Stowe, Sister Stowe, Sister Hilda Mosley ... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 10.00 |
| Bent ........... | W. J. Puckett, Brother D. A. Boyd, Sister Claudie Boyd .......... | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 6.50 |
| Goodwill ....... | Elders J. T. Cox, J. P. Pulliam, J. M. Thomas, C. C. Manuel ...... | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 19 | 10.00 |
| Macedonia ...... | Eld. J. G. Gardner, J. C. Paschal, Bros. Robert Harris, E. G. Clark. | 4 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 29 | 19.00 |
| Aaron Fork .... | Elds. Dalton, Sam Hill, Bros. W. A. Leak, W. A. Bryant ........ | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21 | 7.00 |
| 12 | Totals ......... |  | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 251 |  |

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OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

## PLEASANTVILLE

Rockingham County, North Carolina

September 30 and October 1 and 2

**– 1949 –**

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Beginning Friday Before the First Sunday in October
Continuing Through Sunday

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Rockingham County, North Carolina, Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2, 1949

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1949

After prayer by Elder Z. L. Rhue, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Jack Pulliam.

After intermission of one hour, the Messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with Messengers from sister Associations met in the house. The Association was organized by song and prayer by Elder J. J. Staten.

Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for, read and names of their Messengers enrolled in our statistical table.

Called for Petitionary Letters. None presented.

The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert Moderator, Elder Zeb Rhodes Clerk, Elder Sam Gilbert Assistant Clerk.

It was moved and seconded that the rules of decorum be read.

Following committees were appointed:

Finance Committee—A. J. Lemons, R. L. Doss.

Committee on Arrangements—Elder S. L. Gilbert, Sister McCollum, Brother Glenn Roberts and Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Messengers and visitors from sister Asssociations:

Abbott's Creek—Elder S. T. Atkinson, Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife, Brother Northern Trogdon and wife, Brother Jesse Trogdon and wife, Brother Comer and wife.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Bear Creek—Minutes.

Elhkorn—Minutes.

Moved and seconded that we receive Elder A. M. Gentry as a visitor.

Lower Country Line—A. J. Hill.

Laurel Springs—Elder Walter Beasley and wife, Brother and Sister Edwards, Brother and Sister Snead, Sister Dunbar.

Little River—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Pigg River—Sister Franklin, visitor.

Smith River—Elder Ben Martin, Brother Lenor Cappell, Brother Ben Clifton, Brother Latin Wingfield.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Elders Z. L. Rhue, D. A. O'Bryant, O. J. Denny, Brother Lester Wood and others.

Seven Mile—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Sister Shreve, Sister Rosie Martin.

Yellow River—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes.

Brother J. C. Hall from Williamasburg church as visitor.

Zion—Minutes.

Spray Church—Warford Tilley.

Mates Creek — Elder J. J. Staten, Elders R. C. Bell and wife, Sister Bertis Smith.

Pocatalico — Brother J. R. Lane and wife, Brother J. E. Lake and wife as visitors.

Draper Church—Brother and Sister Denny, Sister Saunders.

Moved and seconded that we seat all.

Moved and seconded that we adjorun till 9:30 Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1949

The Association met according to previous arrangements and opened by song and prayer by Elder S. J. Reich.

Called for report of Messengers who visited sister Associations. Report received and those who could not go were excused.

Appointed Messengers to sister Associations:

Abbott's Creek—Elder Freeman, Brethren W. J. Puckett, and G. C. Shreves.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Bear Creek—Elder J. P. Pulliam.

Black Creek—Elder Hassell Freeman.

Elkhorn—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Elder J. P. Pulliam and Brother J. T. Lemons.

Laurel Springs—Elder S. L. Gilbert, Brother Lemons, Elder J. P. Pulliam, Brother Charlie Biggs.

Little River—Brother J. C. Paschal, Elder J. P. Pulliam.

Mill Branch—Brother J. C. Paschal, Elder S. L. Gilbert.

New River—Elder S. L. Gilbert, Brother Charlie Biggs.

Pigg River—Minutes.

Smith River—Elder S. L. Gilbert.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Elder J. P. Pulliam, Brethren Charlie Biggs, W. A. Leake, and G. C. Shreves.

Seven Mile—Elder J. P. Pulliam, Brother C. C. Shreves.

Upper Country Line—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes. Elders S. L. Gilbert, Hassell Freeman.

Zion—Elder S. L. Gilbert.

Mates Creek—Brethren Shreves, Hassell Freeman, Charlie Biggs, and Elder J. P. Pulliam.

Pocatalico—Elder S. L. Gilbert, Brother Charlie Biggs.

Moved and seconded that the next Association go to Matrimony Church, Rockingham county, N. C., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1950, and continue 3 days.

It was requested that the Clerk have one thousand copies of the Minutes printed and distributed among our churches and to the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

A motion was made that the Clerk make any corrections in the Minutes deemed advisable before publication.

Resolved, that we return thanks to God for His continued mercies. We thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

Report of Finance Committee was received as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from the churches | | $145.30 |
| Received from friends | | 14.50 |
| Balance from last year | | 4.85 |
| Total | | $164.65 |
| Allowed for printing Minutes | $ 50.00 | |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Clerk | 15.00 | |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Allowed visiting Ministers | 84.65 | |
| Total | $164.65 | $164.65 |

The Association was closed by prayer by Elder N. B. Gilbert.

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator.
ELDER ZEB RHODES, Clerk.
ELDER S. L. GILBERT, Assistant Clerk.

## PREACHING SERVICE

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Elder O. J. Denny, from Salem—St. Matthew 20:27.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, from Abbott's Creek—Prov. 20:27.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Elder W. E. Jarrell, Abbott's Creek—no special text.
Elder Sam White, Laurel Springs—failed to get text
Elder S. J. Reich, Salem—St. Matthew 13:24.
Elder W. E. Hylton, Salem—Upon this Rock I will build My church.

### SATURDAY EVENING

Elder D. R. Pyrtle, Salem—God openeth and none can shut.
Elder R. C. Bell, Mates Creek.
Elder D. A. O'Bryant, Salem—3rd chapter of Genesis.
Elder A. M. Gentry—Revelation 13:7.

### SUNDAY MORNING

After prayer by Elder Letcher Martin:
Elder J. C. Dunbar, Laurel Springs—The Word of God.
Elder J. J. Staten, Mates Creek—St. Matthew 21:16.
Elder Z. L. Rhue—St. John 4:1.

### SUNDAY EVENING

Elder L. P. Martin, Salem—Hebrews 8:4-5.
Elder G. W. Hill, Salem—Taken my feet out of the mire and clay.

## ORDINATION OF DEACONS

The Primitive Baptist church met at Snow Creek on Saturday, August 27, 1949, and called a Presbytery to find the qualification for Deacons of Brother Walter Mabe and Brother J. T. Manring.

Organized by electing Elder D. A. O'Bryant Moderator, R. L. Doss clerk and also spokesman for the church and to deliver them to the Presbytery.

Moved and seconded that Elder J. G. Gardner ask the questions.

Moved and seconded that Elder N. B. Gilbert inquire into the qualifications of the individuals.

Moved and second that Elder D. A. O'Bryant pray the ornation prayer and Elder Zeb Rhodes deliver the charge.

Invited Deacons to take part as follows: W. J. Bryant, S. J. Corn, W. A. Leake, H. E. Wood, C. C. Shreves, C. C. Biggs, T. S. Stowe.

Then Brother Doss delivered them into the hand of the Presbytery for examination. Elder J. G. Gardner asked the questions. Elder N. B. Gilbert examined the individuals as for their qualification and found them fully qualified.

Elder D. A. O'Bryant prayed the ordination prayer in the laying on of hands.

Elder Zeb Rhodes gave the charge and the Presbytery gave them back to the church fully qualified deacons.

By the order of the Presbytery:

ELDER D. A. O'BRYANT, Moderator.
R. L. DOSS, Clerk.

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION
### With Their Addresses and the Year They Were Ordained

| | |
|---|---|
| J. S. Hill, Stuart, Va. | 1930 |
| R. L. Dalton, Stuart, Vt. | 1934 |
| R. D. Bell, Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| Zeb Rhodes, 3103 Kivett Drive, High Point, N. C., Phone 51770 | 1939 |
| W. J. Puckett, Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| G. E. Frazier, Draper, N. C. | 1942 |
| J. C. Paschal Reidsville, N. C. | 1942 |
| J. G. Gardner, Mayodan, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. L. Gilbert, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| N. B. Gilbert, 704 West 13th Street, Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone 3-5543 | 1906 |
| J. T. Cox, Reidsville, N. C. | 1913 |
| J. P. Pulliam, Spray, N. C. | 1930 |

Licentiates: Brother J. F. Nelson, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Brother Bernice Taylor, Sandy Ridge Rt. 1, N. C.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS AND MONTHS OF COMMUNION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Matrimony—Sister Mabel Rhodes, Price, Va. | Second Sunday in July. | 35 |
| Spoon's Creek—Sister Cora Stowe, 108 Askin Street Martinsville, Va. | Second Sunday in August. | 35 |
| Pleasant Grove—J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va. | Third Sunday in September. | 35 |
| Mayodan—Henry Shelton, Reidsville, N. C. | Third Sunday in May. | 60 |
| Snow Creek—Ray Doss, Lawsonville, N. C. | Fourth Sunday in August. | 35 |
| Russell Creek—J. W. Collins, Stuart, Va. | First Sunday in August. | 35 |
| Ridgeway—Sister Hilda Mosley, Ridgeway, Va. | First Sunday in June. | 25 |
| Bent—Sister Florence Puckett, Meadows of Dan, Va. | Second Sunday in September. | 25 |
| Goodwill—Johnnie Walker, Box 71, Spray, N. C. | First Sunday in July | 35 |
| Macedonia—E. G. Clark, Box 264, Leaksville, N. C. | Fourth Sunday in May and September. | 40 |
| Aaron Fork—Will Bryant, Rt. 5, Stuart, Va. | Third Sunday in August. | 35 |
| Pleasantville—Sister Emma McCollum, Rt. Reidsville, N.C. | First Sunday in May and Sept. | 35 |

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## CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS AND MAILING LIST

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|---|---|
| Abbott's Creek—R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C. | 20 |
| Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Norwood, N. C. | 20 |
| Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C. | 20 |
| Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. | 20 |
| Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. | 20 |
| Laurel Springs—E. R. Sneed, State Road, N. C. | 20 |
| Little River—Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C. | 20 |
| Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Loris, S. C. | 20 |
| New River—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. | 20 |
| Pigg River—Elder J. D. Wood, Rt. 5, Baltimore 7, Md. | 20 |
| Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Ferrum, Va., Rt. 3 | 20 |
| Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va. | 20 |
| Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, 103 South St., High Point, N. S. | 20 |
| Seven Mile—Graham Jackson, Godwin, N. C. | 20 |
| Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. | 20 |
| White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C. | 20 |
| Zion—E. H. McKinney, Mt. Airy, N. C. | 20 |
| Mates Creek—Elder J. J. Staten, Matewan, W. Va. | 20 |

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in the Being of God Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of Infinite Holiness, Goodness, Mercy and Truth, and that God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word which we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

We believe that God before the foundation of the world for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the part of the creature.

We believe that Adam fell from this condition of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we are all both filthy and guilty before an holy God.

We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly and repent of their sins truly as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in God's appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

We believe that Justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.

We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual workings of God's Holy Spirit.

We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never finally fall away.

We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to work religiously in God's work, not in the covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principal of love.

We believe Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances both belonging to the true believer; and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptized after they are savingly converted into the faith of Chrst.

We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline; and that associations, councils, and conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlastiing, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

We do believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as oftten as necessary to advise in such matters in such associations as not to be imposed or in any wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit as an advisory council.

## ARTICLES 1 AND 7, CHAPTER III, LONDON CONFESSION OF FAITH

1. God has (Isa. 45:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17: Rom. 9:15-17) decreed in Himself from all eternity by the most wise and holy counsel of His will freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet thereby is God neither the author of sin (Jas. 1:15-17; I John 1:5), nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the libertyt or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faitthfulness (Num. 23;19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing Hiis decree.

7. The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (I Thes. 1:4-5; II Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God and (Rom. 11:5-6) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 10:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person may speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No Messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No Messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No Messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he viiolates the rules of decorum.

8. No Messenger shall address another in any other term or appellation than the title of Brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other Messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After any Messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any Member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

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| Spoon Creek | Brethren Frank Wood, J. B. Hutchins, R. G. Joyce | 2 | 3 | | | 1 | | | 20 | 17.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | R. L. Stone, A. B. Gilley, J. B, Hutchins, J, H, Hawkins | 3 | | | | | | | 23 | 12.20 |
| Mayodan | Elder R. D. Bell, A. J. Lemons, Ben Priddy, Elder W. J, Puckett | 3 | | | | | | | 52 | 9.00 |
| Snow Creek | J. T. Manring, Walter Mabe, R. L. Doss | 4 | | | | 2 | | 1 | 17 | 13.50 |
| Russell Creek | Elder N. B. Gilbert, W. M. Creasy, L. T, Mabe, S. J, Corn | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | 28 | 5.50 |
| Ridgeway | Sister Hilda B. Mosley, Elder R. D. Bell | 1 | | | | | | | 5 | 6.05 |
| Bent | D. A. Boyd, Elder W. J. Puckett, Irvine Puckett | 2 | | | | | | | 6 | 6.00 |
| Goodwill | C. C. Maxwell, J. M. Thomas, Elder J. T. Cox, Walter Gilbert | 1 | | 3 | | | 1 | | 22 | 13.50 |
| Macedonia | S. J. Shelton, E. H. Clark, Elder J. C, Paschal | 4 | 2 | | | | | 1 | 30 | 20.00 |
| Aaron Fork | W. A. Leak, W. A. Bryant, Sister Leak, Elder R. L. Dalton | 3 | | | | | | 1 | 20 | 7.00 |
| Pleasantville | Elder S. L. Gilbert, A. G. Roberts, Sister Emma McCollum | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 12 | 25.00 |
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# Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association

### HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT MATRIMONY

### Rockingham County, N. C., Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1, 1950

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

After prayer by Elder George Doss, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Bob Dalton from no special text, followed by Elder R. D. Bell; text, God speaks and it is done.

After intermission of one hour, the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association. together with messengers from sister associations, met in the house, and the association was opened by song and prayer by Elder Golden Harris.

Letters from the several churches of our associatino were called for, read and names of their messengers enrolled in our statistical table.

Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert Moderator, Elder Zeb Rhodes Clerk, Elder Sam Gilbert, assistant clerk.

Omitted reading Rules of Decorum.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance committee—Brethren R. L. Doss and Hutchins.

Committee on Arrangements—Brother Tony Stowe, Elder J. T. Cox, Brother Taylor, Brother Gardner, together with the Moderator, Clerk and assistant Clerk.

Committee to distribute the Minutes — Brother E. G. Clark and Brother Frank Wood.

Messengers and visitors from sister associations:

Abbotts Creek—Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife and Deacon Clarence Gallimore and wife.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Bear Creek—Minutes.

Elkhorn—Elders J. C. Tilley, Otto Tilleey, Sandy Collins.

Lower Country Line—Brother A. J. Hill and wife.

Laurel Springs—Elder A. M. Gentry, Cecil Hill, Elder Sam White, and others.

Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Brother C. L. Dupree.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

New River—Elder Golden Harris, Brother Phillips, Elder Landon Harris and others.

Pigg River—Brother J. A. Perdue, L. C. Boles and wife, Sister Franklin, Elder James Hollandsworth.

Smith River—Elder Ben Martin, Sam Terry, George Helms and others.

Staunton River—Elder George Doss.

Salem—Elders W. E. Hylton, H. F. Keaton, Brother Lester Wood and others.

Seven Mile—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Sisters Rosie Martin, Della Manuel, Gold Minter.

Yellow River—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes.

Zion—Minutes.

Mates Creek—Elder R. C. Bell and wife.

Pocotalico—Elder J. C. Hammons, Sisters Mollie McCalahan, Julie Callahan.

Spray Church—None.

Draper—Elder Ray Flinchen, Sister Lessie Saunders.

Cascade—None.

Williamsburg—None.

Mover and seconded that all be seated.

Moved that we adjourn till 9 o'cock Saturday morning.

Dismissed by prayer by Elder Sam Terry.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Association met according to previous arrangement and opened with song and prayer by Elder Roy Smith.

Called for report of messengers who visited sister associations. Report received and those who could not go were excused.

Appointed messengers to sister associations:

Abbotts Creek—Elders J. C. Puckett, Hassell Freeman.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Bear Creek—Elder J. C. Puckett.

Black Creek—Elder Hassell Freeman.

Elkhorn—Elder Sam Gilbert.

Lower Country Line—Elders Sam Gilbert and Laten Wingfield.

Laurel Springs—Elder J. C. Puckett, Laten Wingfield and Sam Gilbert.

Little River—Elders Hassell Freeman, Laten Wingfield.

Mill Branch—Elder Hassell Freeman.

New River—Elders Sam Gilbert, Laten Wingfield, J. C. Puckett and N. B. Gilbert.

Pigg River—Elders Laten Wingfield, J. C. Puckett.

Smith River—Elders S. L. Gilbert, N. B. Gilbert, Laten Wingfield, and J. C. Puckett.

Staunton River—Elders Sam Gilbert, Laten Wingfield, and J. C. Puckett.

Salem—Elders R. C. Bell, J. C. Puckett, E. G. Clark, and Jimmie Gardner.

Seven Mile—Elders Hassell Freeman and Sam Gilbert.

Upper Country Line—Elder S. L. Gilbert.

White Oak—Elder N. B. Gilbert.

Zion—Elders S. L. Gilbert, and Laten Wingfield.

Mates Creek—Elder Hassel Freeman.

Pocatalico—Elders S. L. Gilbert and Hassel Freeman.

Moved and seconded that the next Association go to Spoon Creek Church Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1951, and continue through Sunday.

Moved that the Association give the Clerk the right to make any changes in the Minutes that are needed.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His continued mercies. We thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

Moved and seconded that contribution be used as usual.

Moved and seconded that we omit reading the Minutes.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to time and place next year at Spoon Creek, Patrick County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Suday in October, 1951.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk have 1000 Minutes printed.

Report of the Finance committee received as follows:

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| Received from the churches | | $144.15 |
| Received from friends | | 39.85 |
| Total | | 184.00 |
| Allowed for printing Minutes | $ 50.00 | |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Clerk | 15.00 | |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Allowed Visiting ministers | 104.00 | |
| | $184.00 | $184.00 |

The Association was closed by song and prayer by Elder Z. L. Rhue.

ELDER N. L. GILBERT, Moderator.

ELDER ZEB RHODES, Clerk.

ELDER S. L. GILBERT, Assistant Clerk.

# PREACHING SERVICE

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Elder R. F. Keaton, from Salem—failed to get text.

Elder John F. Sumner, New River—40th chapter Isaiah.

Elder T. F. Adams, Little River—Ruth 16th, 17th chap.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Elder E. R. Bryant, Smith River—failed to get text.

Elder Z. L. Rhue, Salem— 2nd chapter of James.

## SATURDAY EVENING

Elder G. H. Doss, Staunton River—Behold the Lamb of God.

Elder J. C. Tilley, Elkhorn—Time to every purpose.

Elder Landon Harris, New River—Come in thou blessed of the Lord.

Elder J. R. Hollandsworth, Pigg River—9th chap. Rom.

## SUNDAY MORNING

Elder J. C. Hammons, Pocatalico—Psalm 137:13.

Elder Otto Tilley, Elkhorn—As I thought so shall it be.

Elder J. H. Gentry, Laurel Springs—no special text.

Elder H. S. Williams, Bear Creek—Who has saved us and called us.

Elder R. C. Bell, Mates Creek—no special text.

Elder Roy Smith, New River—no special text.

Elder D. A. O'Bryant,, Salem—As I thought so shall it be.

## ORDINATION OF A DEACON

The Macedonia Church being in session on the 23rd dav of September, 1950, organized a presbytery and did ordain Brother Robert Harris to the office of Deacon. The presbytery was organized by electing Elder R. D. Bell Moderator, E. G. Clark, Clerk, Elder J. G. Gardner, spokesman for the Church. Elder Gardner was elected to inquire into his qualifications. Elder R. D. Bell was elected to give the charge. Elected Elder Gardner to pray the ordination prayer. After Elder Gardner inquired into his qualification and finding him qualified, having satisfied the presbytery, he was delivered into the hands of the presbytery. The ordination prayer was by Elder J. G. Gardner. The charge was given by Elder R. D. Bell. Then Elder Gardner returned Brother Robert Harris back to the church as a Deacon.

Those that composed the presbytery were, Elder R. D. Bell, E. G. Clark, Elder J. G. Gardner, Deacons A. L. Newman, C. C. Shreve, B. T. Made, J. C. Hall, L. L. Paschall, and S P. Knight. Done by order of the Church.

ELDER R. D. BELL, Moderator.

E. G. CLARK, Clerk.

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## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

**With Their Addresses and the Year They Were Ordained**

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| Hassell Freeman, S. Lombard Street, Clayton, N. C.<br>Phone 2646 | 1932 |
| Zeb Rhodes, 3103 Kivett Drive, High Point, N. C.<br>Phone 51770 | 1939 |
| W. J. Puckett, Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| G. E. Frazier, Draper, N. C. | 1942 |
| J. C. Paschai, Reidsville, N. C. | 1942 |
| J. G. Gardner, Box 122, Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. L. Gilbert, Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| N. B. Gilbert, 704 E. 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C.<br>Phone 3-5543 | 1906 |
| J. T. Cox, Reidsville, N. C. | 1913 |
| J. P. Pulliam, Spray, N. C. | 1930 |
| Laten Wingfield, Draper, N. C. | |
| R. L. Dalton, Stuart, Va. | 1934 |
| R. D. Bell, Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |

Licentiates: J. F. Nelson, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Bernice Taylor, Sandy Ridge, N. C.
Albert Doss, Claud Pulliam.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS AND MONTHS OF COMMUNION

Spoon's Creek—Sister Cora Stowe, 108 Askin Street ........ 40
Second Sunday in August Martinsville, Va.
Pleasant Grove—J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va. ........ 40
Third Sunday in September
Mayodan—Henry Shelton, Reidsville, N. C. ........ 60
Third Sunday in May
Snow Creek—Roy Doss, Lawsonville, N. C. ........ 40
Fourth Sunday in August
Russell Creek—J. W. Collins, Stuart, Va. ........ 35
First Sunday in August
Ridgeway—Sister Hilda Moseley, Ridgeway, Va. ........ 25
First Sunday in June
Bent—Sister Florence Puckett, Meadows of Dan, Va. ........ 25
Second Sunday in September —
Goodwill—Johnnie Walker, Box 71, Spray, N. C. ........ 40
First Sunday in July
Macedonia—E. G. Clark, Box 264, Leaksville, N. C. ........ 40
Fourth Sunday in May and September
Aaron Fork—Will Bryant, Rt. 5, Stuart, Va. ........ 35
Third Sunday in August
Pleasantville—Sister Emma McCollum, Rt. Reidsville, N. C. 35
First Sunday in May and September
Matrimony—Sister Mabel Rhodes, Price, N. C. ........ 35
Second Sunday in July

## CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS AND MAILING LIST

Abbott's Creek—R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C. ........ 20
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Norwood, N. C. ........ 20
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C. ........ 20
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. ........ 20
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. ........ 20
Laurel Springs—E. R. Sneed, State Road, N. C. ........ 20
Little River—Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C. ........ 20
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Loris, S. C. ........ 20
New River—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. ........ 20
Pigg River—Elder J. D. Wood, Rt. 5, Baltimore 7, Md. ........ 20
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Ferrum, Va., Rt. 3 ........ 20
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Box 356 Park View,
Winston-Salem, N. C. ........ 20
Seven Mile—Graham Jackson, Godwin, N. C. ........ 20
Upper C. Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. ........ 20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C. ........ 20
Zion—E. H. McKinney, Mt. Airy, N. C. ........ 20
Mates Creek—Elder J. J. Staten, Matewan, W. Va. ........ 20

# OBITUARY

## RICHARD O. BIGGS

While in conference on the second Saturday in May, 1950, Spoon Creek Church appointed me to write the obituary of my father, Richard O. Biggs, who departed this life March 5, 1950. Although it is a sad occasion with me as well as the Church to which he was so faithful to attend, I hope the Lord will keep me in a way that I will be submissive to the request of the church.

He was born October 6, 1872, and was married to Mary Elizabeth Virginia Hill December 6, 1896, and to this union were born eleven children, of which three preceded him to the grave. Also his wife departed this life March 15, 1936.

He had believed in the doctrine of absolute predestination and was always mindful of the God of Heaven. I believe he went to the meetings as far back as I can remember. Although he wasn't blessed to unite with the church until the second Sunday in October, 1933, and was baptized the second Sunday in October by the moderator of the church at that time, Elder S. R. Biggs.

He always enjoyed seeing the ministering brethren that preached what he believed come to Spoon Creek Church. He always enjoyed having them visit in his home and always wanted all old Baptists to visit him and feel welcome. He was afflicted almost three years and he wasn't able to do anything. I feel the Lord gave him patience to endure his afflictions. He never grumbled nor complained.

His funeral was held at Spoon Creek Church on March 6, 1950, with Elder N. L. Gilbert, Elder Sam Gilbert, and Elder D. A. O'Bryant in charge with interment in the church cemetery. Althugh there will always be a vacant seat in the church and one at our home place, I feel our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his lonesome and unworthy daughter: NANNIE WOOD.

## DEACON CHARLES EDGAR HALL

It is with sadness and feelings of imperfections, that I undertake to write the obituary of our beloved brother in Christ and deacon, Charles Edgar Hall.

Brother Hall departed this life October 30, 1949, aged 66 years, eight months and nineteen days. He was married October 24, 1901, to the former Eliza Rakes. To this union were born three sons and five daughters: W. L. Hall of Leaksville Route 2, Thomas and Otis Hall of Draper Route 1, Mrs. Leelia Lawson, and Mrs. B. T. Lynch of Draper, Mrs. W. B. Hall of Critz, Mrs. Nannie Rogers of Leaksville Route 2, and Mrs. Agnes Burroughs of Burlington; two brothers, John C Hall of Reidsville, and Claude Hall of Amelia Courthouse, Va:.; seven sisters, Mrs. Nellie DeHart of Stuart, Va., Mrs. Martha Ann Thompson of Buffalo, Mrs. Ludie Quisenberry of Hillsville, Va., Mrs. Minnie Conoway of State Farm, Va., Mrs. Rusha Hall Mrs. Covie Anderson and Mrs. Nannie Ferris, all of Amelia Courthouse, Va.; twenty-one grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Brother Hall united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Dan River, in the Smith River Association, on the fourth Sunday in October, 1918. In August, 1936, he joined Pleasant Grove Church, in the Lower Mayo Association, by letter. On Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1936, he was ordained to the office of deacon of this Church. He faithfully filled that office as long as he was able to do so.

Brother Hall was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a good husband and a loving father and kind neighbor. He was a firm believer in the doctrine of salvation by Grace, and we feel was firmly established in the faith once delivered to the saints.

To the family we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and humbly trust the Lord will reconcile them to their loss. The Church has lost a good member, Sister Hall has lost a god husband, children have lost a good father But we feel our loss is his eternal gain, and by the Grace of God we hope to meet him on Heaven's happy shore, where parting is felt and known no more.

This done by order of the Church on the third Saturday in December, 1949, in regular conference.

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator.
J. B. HUTCHINS, Clerk.

Approved by the Church in Conference February 18, 1950.
Written by Elders N. B. and S. L. Gilbert.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in the Being of God Almighty, Eternal, Unhangeable, of Infinite Holiness, Goodness, Mercy and Truth, and that God has revealed Himself in His word under the character ofo Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word which we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

We believe that God before the foundation of the world for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the part of the creature.

We believe that Adam fell from this condition of rectitude and he involved himelf and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we are all both filthy and guilty before an holy God.

We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly and repent of their sins truly as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in God's appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.

We believe in like manner, that God's elect not only shall be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual workings of God's Holy Spirit.

We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His Grace shall persevere in holiness and never finally fall away.

We believe it to be a duty incumbent upon God's people to work religiously in God's work, not in the covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

We believe Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances both belonging to the true believer; and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptized after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline; and that associations, couoncils, and conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

W believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

We do believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters in such associations as not to be imposed or in any wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit as an advisory council.

### Articles 1 and 7, Chapter III, London Confession of Faith

1. God has |Isa. 45:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17; Rom. 9:15-17) decreed in Himself from all eternity by the most wise and holy counsel of His will freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet thereby is God neither the author of sin (Jas. 1:15-17; I John 1:5), nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27; John 19-11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Numbers 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree.

7. The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (I Thes. 1:4-5; 11 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God and (Rom. 11:5-6) of humility dilligence and abundant (Luke 10:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

### RULES OF DECORUM

1.. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person may speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No Messenger shall absent himsellf from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No Messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No Messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unleess he violates the rules of decorum.

8. No Messenger shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of Brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other Messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After any Messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who violates any of the rulees of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

## STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1950

| CHURCH | MESSENGERS | Sunday of Meeting | Received by Baptism | By Letter or Relat. | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spoon Creek | Brethren T. R. towe, Frank Wood, H. E. Wood, C. C. Biggs | 2 | | | | | | | 19 | $ 11.85 |
| Pleasant Grove | Brethren O. B. Tilley, R. L. Stone, J. B. Hutchins, R. L. Doss | 3 | | | | | | 1 | 21 | 10.00 |
| Mayodan | Elders W. J. Puckett, R. D. Bell, Ben Priddy and Brother Goard | 3 | 2 | | | 2 | | 1 | 51 | 7.60 |
| Snow Creek | Deacons J. T. Manring, R. L. Doss, Walter Mabe | 4 | | | | | | | 18 | 10.00 |
| Russell Creek | Elder N. B. Gilbert, L. T. Mabe, J. W. Collins, W. M. Creasey | 1 | | | | | | | 28 | 5.00 |
| Ridgeway | Sisters Hilda Moseley, Ethel Wilson, Elder R. D. Bell. J. Hodges | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 7 | 18.00 |
| Bent | Elder W.J.Puckett, D. A. Boyd, Sister Lummie Boyd, Claude Boyd | 2 | | | | | | | 6 | 5.50 |
| Goodwill | Brethren C. C. Maxwell, J. M. Thomas, Hutchins, and Wingfield | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | 1 | 27 | 18.50 |
| Macedonia | BrethrenE.G. Clark, C. C. Shreve, Robert Harris, Eld.J.C.Paschal | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 3 | 30 | 26.20 |
| Aaron Fork | Brethren W. A. Leek W. A. Bryant, Elder R. L. Dalton | 3 | | | | | 2 | | 19 | 7.50 |
| Pleasantville | Brethren Tony Stowe, E. R. Taylor, Elders J. G. Garner, J. T. Cox | 1 | 7 | 2 | | 1 | | | 22 | 12.00 |
| Matrimony | Brethren J. E. Fowler, H. P. Smothers, Elder S. L. Gilbert | 2 | | | | | | | 22 | 10.00 |
| | | | 14 | 7 | | 4 | 2 | 6 | 270 | $142.15 |

# *Minutes*

— of the —

NINETEENTH

ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

# Lower Mayo

# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

SPOON CREEK

Patrick County, Virginia,

October 5, 6, 7,

**1951**

1952 session convenes, God willing, with the Church at Pleasant Grove, Patrick County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1952, and continuing through Sunday.

## Officers

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# Proceedings

## OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT SPOON CREEK, PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA,

## October 5, 6, and 7, 1951

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1951.

After prayer by Elder J. H. Gentry, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. H. Freeman, from no special text, followed by Elder W. J. Puckett, John 1:2, 3.

After intermission of one hour, the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with messengers from sister Associations, met in the house, and the Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder R. S. Smith. Elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Clerk Pro tem, and Elder Layton Wingfield, assistant Clerk, Pro tem.

Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read, and names of their messengers enrolled in our Statistical Table.

Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert, Moderator.

Elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Clerk, Elder Layton Wingfield, assistant Clerk.

Moved and seconded that the Association receive the work of the presbytery in disbanding Bent Church.

Moved and seconded that the Association drop Snow Creek and Pleasantville Churches because of their disorder.

The Rules of Decorum were read. It was moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance Committee: Brethren W. A. Leake, and Henry Shelton.

Committee on Arrangements: Brethren T. R. Stowe, Frank Wood, C. C. Biggs, together with the Moderator, Clerk, and assistant Clerk.

Committee to distribute Minutes: Brethren E. G. Clark and Beal Hutchins.

Moved and seconded that the Association grant those the privilege to come into our fellowship and be seated, who have withdrawn fellowship and declared against the disorder of the Snow Creek and Pleasantville churches.

Messengers and visitors from sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife, Elder S. T. Atkinson and wife, Deacon Mack Freeman and wife, Brother Charlie Jones.

Baltimore: Minutes.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Elk Horn: Elder J. C. Tilley and wife, Elder C. A. Marshall and wife.

Lower Country Line: Brother A. J. Hill.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. H. Gentry, Jessie Dunbar, Walter Beasley Jacob Moseley, and others.

Little River: Visitors: Zak Langdon and wife, F. R. Denning and wife, D. E. Young and wife.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

New River: Elder R. S. Smith, Brethren J. S. Phillips, H. E. Phillips,

J. S. Sechriest, Gervas Duncan and wife, Gold Thompson and wife, and Clifton Harris.

Pigg River: Elder U. C. Young and wife, Sister Franklin, Sister Stone, and others.

Smith River: Elder B. H. Martin and wife, Elder S. E. Terry and Elder Tom Turner, and others.

Staunton River: Elder George Doss.

Salem: Elders S. J. Reich, W. E. Hylton and wife, Frank Keaton, G. W. Hill, and others.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Upper Country Line: Sister Joe Mangum, and Elder W. B. Stadler.

Yellow River: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes.

Zion: Minutes.

Mates Creek: Elders J. J. Staten, R. C. Bell, B. F. Chapman.

Pocatalico: Minutes.

Spray Church: Brother Onis Martin and wife, Sister Atkinson, Sister Hill, and Sister Alcorn.

Draper church: Elder Roy Flinchum, and Sister Saunders.

Williamsburg Church: J. C. Hall.

Cascade Church: Brother Wyatt.

Moved that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Dismissed by prayer by Elder Walter Beasley.

## SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6, 1951.

The Association met according to previous arrangements and was opened by song and prayer by Elder W. E. Hylton, from the Salem Association.

Called for the report of messengers who visited sister Associations. All reported good Associations.

Moved and seconded that we receive the report and those who could not attend were excused.

Appointed messengers to sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elder W. H. Freeman.

Baltimore: Minutes.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Black Creek: Elder W. H. Freeman.

Elk Horn: Elder S. L. Gilbert, Brother C. C. Biggs.

Lower Country Line: Elder J. P. Pulliam.

Laurel Springs: Elders S. L. Gilbert, W. H. Freeman, Layton Wingfield, Brother C. C. Biggs, E. B. Taylor.

Mill Branch: Elder W. H. Freeman.

New River: Elder J. G. Gardner, Brother C. C. Biggs.

Pigg River: Brother C. C. Biggs.

Smith River: Elders Layton Wingfield, S. L. Gilbert, R. D. Bell, Brethren F. H. Wood, C. C. Biggs, E. B. Taylor.

Staunton River: Elder J. P. Pulliam, Brother C. C. Biggs.

Salem: Elders W. H. Freeman, R. D. Bell, J. G. Gardner, Brethren W. A. Leake, L. G. Stewart.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Upper County Line: Elders J. P. Pulliam, J. G. Gardner.

White Oak: Elder N. B. Gilbert.

Zion: Elder Layton Wingfield.

Mates Creek: Elders W. H. Freeman, R. D. Bell, S. L. Gilbert, Brother E. B. Taylor.

Pocatalico: Minutes.

Moved and seconded that we don't appoint messengers to the Pocatalico.

Moved and seconded that the next Association go to Pleasant Grove Church, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1952, and continue through Sunday.

Moved and seconded that the Association give the Clerk the right to make any changes in the Minutes that are necessary.

Moved and seconded that the ordination of two deacons be printed in our Minutes; also the work of the presbytery in disbanding Bent Church; also the obituary of Brother J. E. Smith and Sister Fannie Smith.

Moved and seconded that the Association adopt the following resolution:

Our churches at home in a regular conference meeting, having withdrawn church fellowship and declared against Elders D. A. O'Bryant, D. R. Pyrtle, Z. L. Rhue, or any of their following.

We the messengers of our churches as follows:

Spoon Creek; Pleasant Grove; Mayodan; Russell Creek; Ridgeway; Good Will; Macedonia; Aaron Fork; Matrimony.

That we will not seat Elders D. A. O'Bryant, D. R. Pyrtle, Z. L. Rhue, or any of their following in this meeting of our Association, they having departed from the faith, order and practice of their home churches, and that of other Primitive Baptists of our faith and order of our corresponding Associations.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His continued mercies and we thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

Moved and seconded that contributions be used as usual.

Moved and seconded that the miscellaneous expense be taken from the funds.

Moved and seconded the Association give the Clerk the right to get the Minutes printed where he so desires.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to time and place next year at Pleasant Grove Church, Patrick County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1952.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk have 1000 copies of these Minutes printed.

Report of the Finance Committee received as follows:

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|---|---|
| Received from the churches | $163.55 |
| Received from friends | 21.00 |
| Total | $184.55 |
| Allowed for printing Minutes and mailing | $60.00 |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 |
| Allowed Clerk | 15.00 |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 |
| Allowed for water and ice | 11.80 |
| Allowed for visiting Ministers | 81.00 |
| Balance on hand | $1.75. |
| Total disbursements | $182.80 |
| Balance on hand | $1.75 |
| Total | $184.55 |

The Association was closed by song and prayer by Elder J. H. Gentry.

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator,
ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Clerk,
ELDER LAYTON WINGFIELD, Assistant Clerk.

## PREACHING SERVICE

**Friday Afternoon:**

Elder Jacob Moseley, failed to get text.
Elder W. E. Jarrell, no special text.

**Saturday Morning:**

Brother J. S. Sechriest, failed to get text.
Elder J. J. Staten, failed to get text.
Elder Walter Beasley, no special text.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

Elder J. C. Tilley, Faith in God.
Elder R. F. Keaton, We believe thou art the Christ.
Elder J. C. Dunbar, no special text.

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder W. B. Stadler, song and prayer.
Elder B. F. Chapman, no special text.
Elder R. C. Bell, Rom. 12:1.
Elder C. A. Marshall, No other foundation, etc.
Elder J. H. Gentry, Eccl. 3:14, 15.

**Sunday Afternoon:**

Elder George Doss, no special text.
Elder W. B. Stadler, The name of Jesus, etc.
Elder G. W. Hill, 2 Sam. 23:3.
Elder R. S. Smith, Rom. 8.
Elder S. L. Gilbert, no special text.
Dismissed by Elder G. W. Hill.

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## ORDINATION OF DEACONS

The Primitive Baptist Church of Pleasant Grove Church met on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, which was the eighteenth and called a presbytery to ordain Brother O. B. Gilley and Brother J. B. Hutchins to the office of deacon. The business was as follows:

1. Elder N. B. Gilbert was elected Moderator, and Elder J. G. Gardner elected Clerk.

2. Brother R. L. Stone was appointed spokesman for the Church, and Elder R. L. Dalton was asked to question the spokesman of the Church.

3. A motion was made and carried that Elder W. H. Freeman inquire into the qualification of the individuals.

4. R. L. Dalton was elected to pray the ordination prayer.

5. Elder J. G. Gardner was elected to give the charge.

6. After finding Brother Gilley and Brother Hutchins qualified, the presbytery gave them back into the hands of the Church.

Those who composed the presbytery are as follows:

Elders: N. B. Gilbert; R. L. Dalton; W. H. Freeman; and J. G. Gardner; Deacons: T. S. Stowe; C. C. Biggs; W. A. Leake; H. E. Wood; and Enoch Stowe.

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator,
ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Clerk.

## ELDERS OF LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION, ADDRESS, DATE OF ORDINATION

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|---|---|
| G. E. Frazier, Draper, N. C. | 1942 |
| J. C. Paschal, Reidsville, N. C. | 1942 |
| J. G. Gardner, Box 122, Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. L. Gilbert, Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| N. B. Gilbert, 704 E. 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Ph. 35979 | 1906 |
| J. T. Cox, Reidsville, N. C. | 1913 |
| J. P. Pulliam, Spray, N. C. | 1930 |
| Layton Wingfield, Cascade, Va. | |
| R. L. Dalton, Stuart, Va. | 1934 |
| R. D. Bell, Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| W. H. Freeman, Rt. 6, Box 185, High Point, N. C. Ph. 76764, | 1932 |
| W. J. Puckett, Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |

**Licentiates:**

J. F. Nelson, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Albert Doss,
Claud Pulliam, Spray, N. C.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS, NUMBER OF MINUTES, AND MONTH OF COMMUNION

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|---|---|
| Spoon Creek—Cora Stowe, 108 Askin St., Martinsville, Va.<br>Second Sunday in August. | 40 |
| Pleasant Grove—J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va.<br>Third Sunday in September. | 40 |
| Mayodan—Henry Shelton, Reidsville, N. C.<br>Third Sunday in May. | 40 |
| Russell Creek—J. W. Collins, Stuart, Va.<br>First Sunday in August. | 35 |
| Ridgeway—Hilda Mosley, Ridgeway, Va.<br>First Sunday in June. | 25 |
| Goodwill—Johnnie Walker, Box 71, Spray, N. C.<br>First Sunday in July. | 40 |
| Macedonia—E. G. Clark, Box 264, Leaksville, N. C.<br>Fourth Sunday in May and September. | 40 |
| Aaron Fork—Will Bryant, Rt. 5, Stuart, Va.<br>Third Sunday in August. | 35 |
| Matrimony—Mabel Rhodes, Price, N. C.<br>Second Sunday in July. | 35 |

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We, the undersigned on July 7, 1951, met and organized a presbytery for the purpose of disbanding Bent Primitive Baptist Church. The presbytery was organized, electing the following brethren:

Elder R. D. Bell, Moderator of the presbytery; Elder W. J. Puckett, Clerk of the presbytery; Bro. D. A. Boyd, spokesman for the church.

After the presbytery inquired for the mind of the church, it was expressed by the spokesman that they desired to disband, and join another church of the same faith and order. The church was granted letters.

Done by order of the presbytery.

ELDER R. D. BELL, Moderator of the presbytery.
ELDER W. J. PUCKETT, Clerk.

Presbytery: Elder R. D. Bell, Elder W. J. Puckett, Elder R. L. Dalton; Deacons B. N. Clifton and G. B. Terry.

# OBITUARIES

## SISTER FANNIE SMITH

It is with a sad heart I write in memory of our dear sister, Fannie Smith, who departed her life on February 5, 1951. Sister Smith was born in Henry County, Virginia, in 1869. She was married to James E. Smith March 23, 1893, and to this union were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, all still living.

Sister Smith joined the church by experience and was baptised the second Sunday in November 1921. She was a strong believer in the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God.

Surely a mother in Israel has fallen asleep. She was kind, gentle and lovable, a good neighbor, and always ready to lend a helping hand to those in distress. She is sadly missed in the home, and the church has sustained a great loss, for she always filled her seat at her meetings as long as health permitted her.

We feel that our loss is her eternal gain, and may we be submissive to the will of Him who does all things well.

Funeral services were conducted at Matrimony Church by the pastor, Elder James Gardner, Elder R. D. Bell, Elder N. B. Gilbert, and Elder J. T. Cox.

Her body was laid to rest by her husband in the church cemetery to await the great day when she will be brought forth in the likeness of Jesus.

Done by order of the church while in conference, May 12, 1951.

## BROTHER JAMES E. SMITH

With the ability the Lord will grant, I will attempt to write in memory of Brother James E. Smith.

Brother Smith was born in Rockingham County, July 13, 1859, and departed his life on January 14, 1951, making his stay on earth ninety-two years. He was married to Fannie Pratt on March 23, 1893, and to this union were born nine children, five sons and four daughters.

Brother Smith joined the church by experience and was baptised the third Sunday in November, 1921. He was the oldest member of Matrimony Church at the time of his death. He served the church as Clerk for twenty-two years, and always attended his meetings regularly. He was a firm believer in the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God. He was loyal to the church, always lending a helping hand to the necessities of the church, and ever expressing his love for the church. He was a loving father, kind, and good neighbor, and a friend to all. We feel the church has lost a good member, but trust our loss is his eternal gain.

Funeral services were conducted at Matrimony Church by the pastor, Elder James Gardner, Elder R. D. Bell, Elder J. T. Cox, and Elder N. B. Gilbert. The body was laid beneath a mound of flowers to await the great day, when the dead in Christ shall rise, be like Him and be satisfied.

Done by order of the church while in conference, May 12, 1951.

ELDER JAMES G. GARDNER, Moderator,
MABEL RHODES, Clerk.

## CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

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| Abbott's Creek—R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C. | 20 |
| Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C. | 20 |
| Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C. | 20 |

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| Elk Horn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. | 20 |
| Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, 525 Holloway St., Durham, N. C. | 20 |
| Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. | 20 |
| Little River—Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C. | 20 |
| Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Loris, S. C. | 20 |
| New River—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. | 20 |
| Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, Box 186, Manassas, Va. | 20 |
| Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Box 50, Ferrum, Va. | 20 |
| Salem—Elder S. J. Reich, Rt. 1, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 20 |
| Seven Mile—Graham Jackson, Rt. 1, Godwin, N. C. | 20 |
| Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. | 20 |
| White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C. | 20 |
| Zion—E. G. McKinney, Mt. Airy, N. C. | 20 |
| Mates Creek—Elder J. J. Staten, Matewan, W. Va. | 20 |

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in the Being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite holiness, goodness, mercy, and truth and that God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word, which we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the part of the creature.

We believe that Adam fell from this condition of rectitude and he involved himself and his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we are both filthy and guilty before an holy God.

We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly and repent of their sins truly as we believe in Christ, except man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in God's appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.

We believe in like manner, that God's elect not only shall be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual workings of God's Holy Spirit.

We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never finally fall away.

We believe it to be a duty incumbent upon God's people to work religiously in God's work, not in the covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believer; and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline; and that Associations, Councils, and conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

We do believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an Association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters in such Associations as not to be imposed or in any wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit as an advisory council.

## ARTICLES 1 and 7 CHAPTER 3, LONDON CONFESSION OF FAITH

1. God has (Isa. 45:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17; Rom. 9:15-17) decreed in Himself from all eternity by the most wise and holy counsel of His will freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet thereby is God neither the author of sin (Jas. 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5), nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree.

7. The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (1 Thess. 1:4, 5; 1 Peter 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God and (Rom 11:5, 6), of humility diligence and abundant (Luke 10:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Only one person may speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No mesenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.
5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.
6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.
7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.
8. No messenger shall address another in any other term or apellation than that of "Brother."
9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.
10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After any messenger having the right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.
11. Any member who violates any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | MESSENGERS | Meeting Days | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Res. to Fellows. | Rec'd by Rel. | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pleasant Grove . | O. B. Gilley, J. B. Hutchins, R. L, Stone, Elder N. B. Gilbert ........ | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22 | $14.00 |
| Mayodan ...... | H. L. helton, B. F. Priddy, Elder W. J. Puckett, Elder R. D. Bell ...... | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 49 | 10.00 |
| Russell Creek .. | Elder N. B. Gilbert, S. J. Corn, J. W. Collins ...................... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | 8.25 |
| Ridgeway .... | Brother Hodges, Sisters Wilson and Mosley, Elder R. D. Bell ........ | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7 | 17.70 |
| Goodwill ...... | J. T. Cox, J. P. Pulliam, L. Wingfield, Bros. N. G. Hutchins, Thomas .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 27 | 13.00 |
| Macedonia ... | Bro. E. G. Clark, L. G. Stewart, Eld. J. G. Gardner, Bro. Robert Harris | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30 | 38.00 |
| Aaron Fork .... | W. A. Leak, W. A. Bryant, Sister Mary Collins, Eld. R. L. Dalton .... | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 18 | 9.25 |
| Matrimony .... | Elds. W. H. Freeman, J. T. Cox, Bros. Tony Stowe, E. B. Taylor ...... | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 22 | 30.00 |
| Spoon Creek .... | Bros. T. R. Stowe, Frank Wood, C. C. Biggs, R. G. Joyce, alt. ........ | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19 | 23.35 |

# *Minutes*

— of the —

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

# LOWER MAYO

# Primitive Baptist Association

— Held With —

PLEASANT GROVE
Patrick County, Virginia
October 3, 4, 5,

## 1952

1953 session convenes, God willing, with the Church at Mayodan, Rockingham County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1953, and continuing through Sunday.

—OFFICERS—

**ELDER N. B. GILBERT** - Moderator Winston-Salem, N. C.
704 East 13th Street, Telephone 35979
**ELDER J. G. GARDNER** - Clerk, Box 122, Stoneville, N. C.
**DEACON J. B. HUTCHENS** - Ass't. Clerk, Rt. 5, Stuart, Va.

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# Proceedings

## OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH A PLEASANT GROVE, PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

October 3, 4, and 5, 1952.

FRIDAY, October 3, 1952.

After prayer by Elder S. J. Reich, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. G. Gardner, text Isa. 9:6.

1. After intermission of one hour the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with messengers from sister Associations, met in the house, and the Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris.

Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read. On motion and carried the messengers seated, and their names enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert, Moderator.

Elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Clerk, and elected Deacon J. B. Hutchens, Assistant Clerk.

Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum.

On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance Committee: Elder R. L. Dalton, and Brother Henry Shelton.

Committee on Arrangements: Deacon J. T. Manring, Brother J. B. Hutchens, Elder S. L. Gilbert, and Sister Lillian Manring, together with the Moderator and Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Committee to distribute Minutes: Brethren Harry Wood, and E. G. Clark.

On motion and carried that we drop correspondence with Pigg River, Smith River, Staunton River, and Upper Country Line Associations, for this reason: That they dropped our Association, together with our sister Associations with whom we correspond. Also in this motion we seat the churches which have withdrawn from any of the said Associations which are mentioned above.

On motion and carried that we drop Zion from our corresponding list, as they have disbanded, and that we seat Round Peak Church.

Messengers and visitors from sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elders W. E. Jarrell, and wife, S. T. Atkinson.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Elkhorn: Elders C. A. Marshall and wife, J. C. Tilley and wife, Sisters Maggie Priddy, and Prichett.

Lower County Line: Brother A. J. Hill.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. H. Gentry, J. C. Dunbar, J. F. Boles, Sister Hilda Sikes, Brother Oliver Flinchum, and wift, Brother Smith.

Little River: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

New River: Elders G. P. Harris, J. S. Sechriest, Brethren N. C. Harris and wife, H. E. Phillips, J. S. Phillips, Gold Thompson and wife, Clifton Harris and Sister Roy Smith.

Salem: Elders S. J. Reich, R. F. Keaton, D. G. Staples, W. E. Hylton, G. W. Hill, Deacon Lester Wood, and Sister W. E. Hylton.

Seven Mile: Minutes.
Yellow River: Minutes.
White Oak: Minutes.
Black Creek: Minutes.

On motion and carried that we take up correspondence with the Dan Valley Association, messenger, Elder R. S. Smith. Visitors, Elders Emmett Stone, Roy M. Flinchum, Deacon E. J. Taylor, Brother Leonard Page, and Brother E. L. Wyatt.

On motion and carried that we seat the following churches, namely:

Reed Creek Church: Visitors, Elder H. D. Prillaman, and Sister Sallie Prillaman.

Dan River Church: Visitors, Deacon Bennie Clifton, Brother Henry Cassell, Sister Eva Crews.

Center Church: Visitors, Elder B. H. Martin, Brother L. L. Cassell and wife, Lester Cassell and wife, and Sister Lem Koger.

Shady Grove Church: Visitors, Deacon Bob Stowe and wife, Enoch Stowe and wife, Deacon T. W. Tilley, Sisters Cora Mabe, Ora Martin.

Goblintown Church: Visitors, Sisters Dora Wingfield and Addie Wright.

Riverside Church: Visitors, Noel Tilley and Sister Mattie Hodge, Sister Via.

Liberty Church: Visitors, Deacon R. M. Joyce, and Brother Jacob Graham, and Sister Rosa Ratliff.

Round Peak Church: Brother McKinney.
On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.
Moved that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.
Dismissed with prayer by Elder D. G. Staples.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 4, 1952.

The Association met according to previous arrangements and was opened with song and prayer by Elder R. S. Smith from the Dan Valley Association.

1. Called for report of messengers who visited sister Associations.

2. The report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

3. Appointed correspondence to sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elders W. H. Freeman, S. L. Gilbert, J. P. Pulliam, and Brother H. L. Shelton.
Black Creek: Elder J. P. Pulliam.
Elkhorn: Elder S. L. Gilbert, and Brother C. C. Biggs.
Lower Country Line: Elders Layton Wingfield and J. P. Pulliam.
Laurel Springs: Elders S. L. Gilbert W. H. Freeman, and Deacons J. B. Hutchens and C. C. Biggs.
Mill Branch: Elders W. H. Freeman, and S. L. Gilbert.

New River: Elder J. G. Gardner and Deacon C. C. Biggs.

Salem: Elders W. H. Freeman, R. D. Bell, S. L. Gilbert, and J. G. Gardner.

Seven Mile: Elder J. P. Pulliam.

White Oak: No appointment was taken.

Mates Creek: Elder R. D. Bell.

Dan Valley: Elders S. L. Gilbert, R. D. Bell, Deacons W. A. Leak, H. L. Shelton, T. S. Stowe.

Little River: On motion and carried not to drop correspondence with said Association.

Pocatalico: On motion and carried to continue corresponding by Minutes.

4. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct any mistakes and drop the names of Elders G. E. Frazier and J. C. Paschal from the list of Elders in our Minutes.

On motion and carried that we drop Baltimore from our mailing list of correspondence.

5. On motion and carried that the balance which was carried over from last year be turned over to the Finance Committee.

6. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given $60.00 for printing and mailing Minutes.

7. On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.

8. On motion and carried that the Clerk have 1000 copies of these Minutes printed.

9. On motion and carried that the next Association go to Mayodan Church at Mayodan, N. C., to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1953, and continue through Sunday.

1. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and we thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

11. On motion an carried that this Minute be read, after reading the contents of the same was approved.

12. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place next year at Mayodan Church in Rockingham County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1953.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of the Finance Committee received as follows:

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| Received from the churches | | $153.75 |
| Received from friends | | 69.90 |
| Balance from last year | | 16.75 |
| Total | | $240.40 |
| Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes | $60.00 | |
| Gave the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave Clerk | 15.00 | |
| Gave eAssistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Gave visiting ministers | 135.00 | |
| Total disbursements | $225.00 | |
| Balance on hand | 15.40 | |
| Total | $240.40 | $240.40 |

The Association was closed with song and prayer by Elder J. F. Boles.

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator,
ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Clerk,
DEACON J. B. HUTCHENS, Ass't. Clerk.

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## PREACHING SERVICES

**Friday Morning:**

Elder S. J. Reich, praise and prayer.
Elder J. G. Gardner, Introductory Sermon, text, Isa. 9:6.

**Friday Afternoon:**

Elder S. T. Atkinson, failed to get text.
Elder G. P. Harris, text, Gen. 1:1-4.
Elder H. D. Prillaman, dismissed.

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder R. S. Smith, opened service with song and prayer.
Elder W. E. Jarrell, text John 15:12.
Elder Emmett Stone, Isa. 26:1.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

Elder J. C. Dunbar, Isa. 66:9.
Elder R. F. Keaton, Isa. 54:13.
Elder J. H. Gentry, 2 Tim. 1:8, 9.
Elder J. C. Tilley, dismissed.

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder G. W. Hill, song and prayer.
Elder J. C. Tilley, no special text.
Elder J. J. Staten, Luke 10:17.
Elder C. A. Mashall, 1 Pet. 2.
Elder R. C. Bell, Clerk failed to get text.

**Sunday Afternoon:**

Elder J. F. Boles, Rom. 8:1-9.
Elder G. W. Hill, Heb. 8.
Elder R. S. Smith, dismissed.

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| S. L. Gilbert | Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| Layton Wingfield | Rt. 1, Ridgeway, Va. | 1944 |
| N. B. Gilbert | 704 E. 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Ph. 35979 | 1906 |
| J. T. Cox | Reidsville, N. C. | 1913 |
| J. P. Pulliam | Spray, N. C. | 1930 |
| R. L. Dalton | Stuart, Va. | 1934 |
| W. H. Freeman | Rt. 6, Box 185, High Point, N. C. Ph. 76764 | 1932 |
| W. J. Pucket | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| A. A. Doss | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Willie Booth | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| Charlie Thomas | Danville, Va. | |
| J. G. Gardner | Box 122, Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |

**Licentiates:**

J. F. Nelson, Winston-Salem, N. C.

L. G. Stewart, Rt. 3, Box 104, Reidsville, N. C.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS, NUMBER OF MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: 40. Cora Stowe, 108 Askin St., Martinsville, Va. Second Sunday in August.

Pleasant Grove: 40. J. B. Hutchens, Stuart, Va. 3rd Sunday in Sept.

Mayodan: 40. Henry Shelton, Reidsville, N. C. 3rd Sunday in Oct.

Russell Creek: 35. J. W. Collins, Stuart, Va. 1st Sunday in Aug.

Ridgeway: 25. Hilda Mosley, Moir St., Leaksville, N. C. 1st in June.

Good Will: 40. Elder Layton Wingfield, Ridgeway, Va. 1st in July.

Macedonia: 40. E. G. Clark, Box 264, Leaksville, N. C. 4th Sunday in May and September

Aaron Fork: 35 Will Bryant, Rt. 5, Stuart, Va. 3rd Sunday in Aug.

Matrimony: 35. Mabel Rhodes, Price, N. C. Second Sunday in July.

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| Black Creek: Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C. | 20 |
| Elkhorn: Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. | 20 |
| Lower Country Line: J. J. Whitley, 525 Holloway St., Durham, N. C. | 20 |
| Laurel Springs: E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. | 20 |
| Little River: Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C. | 20 |
| Mill Branch: E L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C. | 20 |
| New River: Cecil Phillips, Snowville, Va. | 20 |
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| Seven Mile: Graham Jackson, Rt. 1, Godwin, N. C. | 20 |
| White Oak: Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C. | 20 |
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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in the Being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite holiness, goodness, mercy, and truth and that God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word, which we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the part of the creature.

We believe that Adam fell from this condition of rectitude and he involved himself and his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we are both filthy and guilty before an holy God.

We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly and repent of their sins truly as we believe in Christ, except man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

We believe in God's appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.

We believe in like manner, that God's elect not only shall be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual workings of God's Holy Spirit.

We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never finally fall away.

We believe it to be a duty incumbent upon God's people to work religiously in God's work, not in the covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believer; and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline; and that Associations, Councils, and conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

We do believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an Association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters in such Associations as not to be imposed or in any wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit as an advisory council.

## ARTICLES 1 and 7 CHAPTER 3, LONDON CONFESSION OF FAITH

1. God has (Isa. 45:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17; Rom. 9:15-17) decreed in Himself from all eternity by the most wise and holy counsel of His will freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet thereby is God neither the author of sin (Jas. 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5), nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree.

7. The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (1 Thess. 1:4, 5; 1 Peter 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God and (Rom 11:5, 6), of humility diligence and abundant (Luke 10:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Only one person may speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No mesenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.
5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.
6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.
7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.
8. No messenger shall address another in any other term or apellation than that of "Brother."
9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.
10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After any messenger having the right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.
11. Any member who violates any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF CHUURCH MESSENGERS | Sun. of Meeting | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Conf. of faith | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mayodan ..... | Elder R. D. Bell, W. J. Puckett, H. L. Shelton, Ben Priddy .......... | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 50 | $8.25 |
| Russell Creek ... | Elder N. B. Gilbert, S. J. Corn, J. W. Collins ........................ | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 25 | 9.50 |
| Ridgeway ..... | Brother Hodges, Sisters Wilson, Mosley, Elder . R. D. Bell, alt. .... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 18.00 |
| Good Will ...... | Brethren C. C. Manuel, N. G. Hutchens, Elds. J. T. Cox, L. Wingfield . | 1 | .. | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 23.00 |
| Macedonia .... | Brethren E. G Clark, C. C. Shreve, L. G. Stewart, Eld. R. D. Bell, alt. | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 26 | 26.50 |
| Aaron Fork ..... | Elder R. L. Dalton, W. A. Bryant, H. D. Tilley ...................... | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | 23 | 10.50 |
| Matrimony .... | Elders W. H. Freeman, J. G. Gardner, T. S. Stowe, Mabel Rhodes, alt. | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24 | 25.00 |
| Spoon Creek ... | Deacons W. A. Leak, H. E. Wood, R. G. Joyce, C. C. Biggs, alt. ...... | 2 | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 24 | 18.00 |
| Pleasant Grove . | Deacons J. T. Manring, J. B. Hutchens, Eld. S. L. Gilbert, L. Manring | 3 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 25 | 15.00 |

# MINUTES

— of the —

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

# *Lower Mayo*

# Primitive Baptist Association

Held with

MAYODAN CHURCH

Rockingham County, North Carolina,
October 2, 3, 4,

## 1953

1954 session convenes, God willing, with the Church at Russell Creek, Patrick County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1954, and continuing through Sunday.

— Officers —

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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT MAYODAN, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.

**October 2, 3, and 4, 1953.**

FRIDAY, October 2, 1953.

After prayer by Elder J. C. Hammond, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder S. L. Gilbert, text Isa. 9:6.

After intermission of one hour, the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with messengers from sister Associations, met in the house, and the Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris.

Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read. On motion and carried the messengers seated and their names enrolled in our Statistical Table.

Called for petitionary letters; none presented.

The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert, Moderator, elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Clerk, elected Deacon J. B. Hutchens, Assistant Clerk.

Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance Committee: Elder R. D. Bell, and Deacon W. A. Leak.

Committee on Arrangements: Elders R. D. Bell, Willie Booth, Deacons Ben Priddy, Henry Shelton, together with Moderator and Clerk, and Assistant Clerk.

Committee to distribute Minutes: Deacon Harry Wood, and Brother E. G. Clark.

Called for messengers and visitors from sister Associations as follows:
Abbott's Creek: Elder W. E. Jarrell, and wife, Elder Charley Jones.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Elkhorn: Elder S. F. Collins, Sister Maggie Priddy.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, George Walker, A. J. Hill.
Laurel Springs: Elders J. C. Dunbar, J. H. Gentry, J. F. Boles, Roby Johnson, and others.

Little River: Elder T. F. Adams, & wife, Brother E. B. Pierce & wife.
Mill Branch: Brother J. M. Horne, and B. C. Jenrette, and wife.
Mates Creek: Minutes.

New River: Elder G. P. Harris, Brethren J. S. Phillips, Gold Thompson, and wife, Elder J. F. Sumner, and others.

Salem: Elder W. E. Hylton, B. C. Clinard, Lester Wood, and others.
Seven Mile: Elder B. L. Godwin and wife, Brother E. L. Ferguson.
Yellow River: No report.

White Oak: Elder S. Gray, C. E. Fountain and wife, Brother L. H. Southerland.

Black Creek: No report.

Dan Valley: Elds. R. S. Smith, A. J. McDaniel, J. P. Pulliam, & others.

On motion and carried that we take up correspondence with the Blue Ridge Association. Messengers: Elders H. D. Prillaman, Noel Tilley, George Jamerson, Elder U. C. Young, and wife, and others.

On motion and carried that we seat Center an independent Church.
Visitors: Elder B. H. Martin, Lester Cassell, Leonard Cassell and wife, Lem Koger, and others.

Pocatalico: Visitors, Eld. J. C. Hammond & Sister Julia McClanahan.
On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.
Moved that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.
Dismissed with prayer by Elder T. F. Adams.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 3, 1953.

The Association met according to previous arrangements and was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. H. Gentry.

1. Called for report of messengers who visited sister Associations.

2. The report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

3. Appointed correspondence to sister Associations as follows:
Abbott's Creek: Elder W. H. Freeman, Brethren C. C. Biggs, and L. G. Stewart.

Black Creek: No appointment was taaken.

Elkhorn: Brother C. C. Biggs, Elder Layton Wingfield.

Lower County Line: Elders Layton Wingfield, W. H. Freeman J. G. Gardner.

Laurel Springs: Deacons J. B. Hutchens, C. C. Biggs, Elder Layton Wingfield.

Mill Branch: Elders W. H. Freeman, N. B. Gilbert.

New River: Elder J. G. Gardner, Brethren C. C. Biggs, L. G. Stewart, Elder W. H. Freeman, and J. B. Hutchens.

Salem: Elder J. G. Gardner, Brethren C. C. Biggs, E. G. Clark, and C. C. Shreve.

Seven Mile: Brother R. G. Spencer.

White Oak: Elders Layton Wingfield, N. B. Gilbert.

Mates Creek: Brethren L. G. Stewart, and C. C. Biggs.

Dan Valley: Elder J. G. Gardner, Brethren C. C. Shreve, E. G. Clark.
Little River: Elder J. G. Gardner, Brethren C. C. Shreve, R. G. Spencer.

Blue Ridge: Deacons C. C. Shreve, J. B. Hutchens, E. G. Clark, and Elder Layton Wingfield.

Pocatalico: We send Minutes.

4. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct any mistakes.

5. On motion and carried that the balance of $15.40 which was carried over from last year be turned over to the Finance Committee
6. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given $60.00 for printing and mailing Minutes.

7. On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.
8. On motion and carried that the Clerk have 1000 copies of these

Minutes printed.

9. On motion and carried that the next Association go to Russell Creek Church in Patrick County, Virginia, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1954, and continue through Sunday.

10. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and we thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

11. On motion and carried that we omit reading the Minutes.

On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. The Association was closed with song and prayer by Elder J. W. Beasley.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of the Finance Committee received as follows:

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| Received from the churches | $133.95 | |
| Received from friends | 67.50 | |
| Balance from last year | 15.40 | |
| Total | $216.85 | $216.85 |
| Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes | $60.00 | |
| Gave the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave the Clerk | 15.00 | |
| Gave the Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Miscellaneous expence | 12.85 | |
| Gave visiting ministers | 114.00 | |
| Total disbursements | $216.85 | $216.85 |

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator,
ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Clerk,
DEACON J. B. HUTCHENS, Assistant Clerk.

## PREACHING SERVICE

**Friday Morning:**

Elder J. C. Hammond, praise and prayer.
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Introductory Sermon, text Isa. 9:6.

**Friday Afternoon:**

Elder L. P. Martin, Acts 17:24-26.
Elder T. F. Adams, Psa. 23.
Elder G. P. Harris, dismissed.

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder G. P. Harris, excused himself.
Elder S. Gray, Rom. 5:19.
Elder W. E. Jarrell, no special text.
Elder J. C. Dunbar, no special text.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

Elder B. L. Godwin, Jer. 10:19, 23.
Elder J. C. Hammond, 1 Cor. 13:4-7.
Brother E. L. Ferguson, Came not to do His own will.
Elder J. S. Sechriest, Jer. 1: 5-7.
Elder B. N. Clifton, no special text.

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder Roby Johnson, praise and prayer.
Elder J. F. Boles, Zech. 13:1.
Elder A. B. Barham, Psa. 27:1.
Elder J. H. Gentry, Psa. 51:1.

**Sunday Afternoon:**

Elder E. H. Burchett, Titus 2:1.
Elder A. J. McDaniel, excused himself. .
Elder G. H. Doss, Rom. 11:33.
Elder N. B. Gilbert closed after making some good remarks.

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| Layton Wingfield | Rt. 1, Ridgeway, Va. | 1943 |
| N. B. Gilbert | 704 E. 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Ph. 35979 | 1906 |
| J. T. Cox | Reidsville, N. C. | 1913 |
| R. L. Dalton | Stuart, Va. | 1934 |
| R. D. Bell | Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| W. H. Freeman | Rt. 6, Box 185, High Point, N. C. Ph. 76764 | 1932 |
| W. J. Pucket | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| A. A. Doss | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Willie Booth | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| Charlie Thomas | Danville, Va. | |
| J. G. Gardner | Box 122, Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. L. Gilbert | Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| G. H. Doss | Piney Forest Rd., Danville, Va. | |
| Claude Pulliam | Spray, N. C. | 1951 |

**Licentiates:**

L. G. Stewart, Rt. 3, Box 104, Reidsville, N. C.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS, NUMBER OF MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: 50. Cora Stowe, 108 Askin St., Martinsville Va. Second Sunday in August.

Pleasant Grove: 50. J. B. Hutchens, Stuart, Va. 3rd Sun. in Sept.
Mayodan: 50. Henry Shelton, Reidsville, N. C. 3rd Sun. in May, Oct.
Russell Creek: 40. Addie Handy, Stuart, Va. 1st Sunday in Aug.
Ridgeway: 25. Hilda Mosley, Ridgeway, Va. 1st Sunday in July.
Macedonia: 50. E. G. Clark, Box 264, Leaksville, N. C. 4th Sunday in May and September

Aaron Fork: 40. Will Bryant, Rt. 5, Stuart, Va. 3rd Sun. in Aug.
Matrimony: 35. Mabel Rhodes, Price, N. C. Second Sunday in July.
Good Will: 50. Elder Layton Wingfield, Ridgeway, Va. 1st in July.

## ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

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| Abbott's Creek: R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C. | 20 |
| Bear Creek: T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 403, Monroe, N. C. | 20 |
| Black Creek: Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C. | 20 |
| Elkhorn: L. B. Hylton, Rt. 1, Princeton, W. Va. | 20 |
| Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Roxboro, N. C. | 20 |
| Laurel Springs: E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. | 20 |
| Little River: Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C. | 20 |
| Mill Branch: E L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C. | 20 |
| New River: Cecil Phillips, Snowville, Va. | 20 |
| Salem: Elder S. J. Reich, Rt. 7, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 20 |
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| White Oak: Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C. | 20 |
| Mates Creek: Elder J. J. Staten, Matewan, W. Va. | 20 |
| Dan Valley: Elder Roy S. Smtih, Cascade, Va. | 20 |
| Blue Ridge: Jackson Via, Stuart, Va. | 20 |
| Pocatalico: Eld. J. C. Hammond, 1131 Mt. Ave. S. Charleston, W. Va. | 20 |

# Obituaries Of

## BROTHER S. J. SHELTON

I feel that it has fallen my lot to write something of the life and death of our beloved brother, S. J. Shelton, whom it pleased God to remove from this life by stroke on January 25, 1953, making his stay on earth 73 years 3 months and 29 days. May we bow in humble submission to God's will who is too wise to err.

Brother Shelton was born in Patrick County, Virginia, October 20, 1880. He was married to Jennie E. Hundley on August 20, 1903. To this union were born ten children, seven boys and three girls. One son preceded him to the grave on February 14, 1948. He joined Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church by experience October 29, 1932. Brother Shelton filled his seat at his church when the Lord blessed him to do so. He believed in a God that has all power, that does His will without the help of man, and that that has never been hindered from doing His will. He believed in the sovereignty of God and a complete salvation by the grace of God. He enjoyed very much to hear it preached. I sincerely believe that Sister Shelton and the nine children have lost a kind and loving father and husband. I feel also that his neighbors have lost a good neightbor, and that Macedonia Church has lost a precious and loving borther in Christ, whose face will be greatly missed. But we hope and trust that our loss is his eternal gain. I feel that he is not dead, but only sleeping, and that his spirit is resting in the presence of God and the holy angels in the Paradise of God. And his body is waiting the glorious resurrection when he will be awakened from his sleep to be carried home to heaven to be with the Lord and the redeemed family forevermore.

A copy of this resolution is to be sent to the Association to be put on the Association Minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy kept with the church.

Done by the order of the Church and written by his unworthy brother, I hope. —E. G. Clark.

## RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

### ANNA STANLEY JARRELL

I will endeavor with the ability that God grants, to write something of the life and death of our beloved sister, Anna Stanley Jarrell, whom it pleased God to remove from this life by heart attack on January 29, 1953. May God bless us all to bow our heads in humble submission to His righteous and divine will.

Sister Jarrel was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina, on July 3, 1881, making her stay on earth 71 years, 6 months, and 26 days.

She was united in marriage to Mr. John Wesley Jarrell on December 3, 1908. To this union were born four children, three boys and one girl, of whom one son survives. Her husband preceded her in death February 17, 1952. She joined Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church the fourth Sunday in July, 1911 by letter from the High Point Church. Sister Jarrel always filled her seat at her church when her Lord blessher to do so. She always seemed to love her church supremely, and was greatly devoted to God and His people. She believd in a complete salvation by the grace of God and grace alone. It seemed that she enjoyed very much to hear it preached. I feel very impressed to say that the son and all her relatives have lost a most loving mother and friend, and that her neighbors have lost a good neighbor. I also feel that Macedonia Church has lost a most precious, loving, and faithful member which will be greatly missed. But I believe that our loss is her eternal gain. To live is Christ, but to die is gain. I believe her body is asleep in the grave awaiting the second coming of Christ to be carried home to heaven to be with the Lord and His people and to enjoy the fulness of heaven and eternal glory in the ceaseless years of eternity.

A copy of this resolution is to be sent the Association to be put on the Association Minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy kept with the Church book.

—E. G. Clark, Clerk.

## BROTHER RICHARD G. JOYCE

With a saddened heart, in my weak way, I undertake to write the obituary of our beloved deacon and brother in Christ. I feel so unworthy to attempt to write in memory of such a blessed servant of God as I esteemed him to be.

Brother Richard G. Joyce was born December 20, 1872, in Patrick County, Virginia. He departed this life March 28, 1953. He was married to Lucy J. Spencer December 20, 1900. To this union were born six children, three daughters and three sons. These, together with the lonely wife and many relations and friends are left to mourn their loss. Brother Joyce united with Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church the second Sunday in September, 1930. He was ordained to the office of deacon the second Sunday in November, 1935. Elders and deacons composed the prebytery were the following: Elder R. T. Dalton, Elder N. B. Gilbert, Elder Sanford Biggs, and Deacon J. H. Tudor. Brother Biggs and Brother Tudor both deceased. To this office he remained faithful as long as he was able to attend his meeting and was blessed by the grace of our Lord to administer that which had been enjoined upon him by the church in the years of his service, he ever manifested the humbleness of his Savior. He was ever ready to come to the rescue of brethren and friends in distress and trouble. We, the Church of Spoon Creek, desire to express our deep and heartfelt sympathy to Sister Joyce and the children in this their greatest hour of sorrow and grief, and hope the Spirit of Almighty God will bow our hearts in humble supplication in their behalf.

The Church has lost a faithful member, a good deacon, the wife a good husband, and the children a loving and gracious father. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but we feel assured that our loss is his eternal gain and hope some sweet day to meet him in that heavenly land where parting will be known no more.

Written by an unworthy sister, I hope, —Nannie Wood.

## SISTER MARY COX

It is with a sad heart I write in memory of our dear sister, Mary Belle Odell Cox, who departed this life on May 31, 1953. She was married to John Taylor Cox June 16, 1900, at Martinsville, Va. To this union were born seven children, four sons and three daughters. Sister Cox joined Friendship Church in 1912, and was baptised by Elder Flinchum. She remained there until March, 23, 1924, then joined Matrimony Church by letter, and remained there until her death. She was a faithful member, and filled her seat as long as her health permitted her to do so. She was a strong believer in the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God. Surely mother in Israel has fallen asleep. She was a kind, and lovable person, a good neighbor, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in distress. We feel the church has sustained a great loss, but trust our loss is her eternal gain.

Funeral services were conducted at Good Will Church by Elders George Doss, Sam Gilbert, and Layton Wingfield. Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the great day when she will be brought forth in the likeness of Jesus.

Done by order of the Church while in conference, August 8, 1953.

ELDER JAMES GARDNER, Moderator,
MABEL RHODES, Clerk.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Russell Creek ... | Eld. N. B. Gilbert, Dea. S. J. Corns, Troy Hutchens, J. W. Collins, alt. | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 20 | $9.50 |
| Ridgeway ..... | Bro. Marvin Hodges, Sisters Mosely and Wilson, and Solman ........ | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 7 | 16.75 |
| Good Will ...... | Elds. L. Wingfield, G. H. Doss, Bro. C. C. Manuel, J. H. Thomas, alt. | 1 | 4 | .. | 4 | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | 43 | 12.55 |
| Macedonia ..... | Bros. E. G. Clark, C. C. Shreve, Robert Harris, Eld. R. D. Bell, alt. .. | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 25 | 15.00 |
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| Matrimony .... | Eld. J. G. Gardner, T. S. Stowe, Annie Oakley, Eld. W. H. Freeman, alt. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 23 | 25.00 |
| Spoon Creek .... | Deacs. C. C. Biggs, W. A. Leak, H. E. Wood, Eld. S. L. Gilbert. ...... | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 22 | 20.15 |
| Pleasant Grove .. | J. T. Manring, J. B. Hutchens, R. L. Stone, Sister Lillian Manring .. | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 25 | 12.00 |
| Mayodan ...... | H. L. Shelton, Ben Priddy, Eld. Willie Booth, Eld. R. D. Bell, alt. .... | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 56 | 9.50 |
|  |  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 133.95 |

# *Minutes*

— of the —

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

# Lower Mayo
## Primitive Baptist Association

— held with —

RUSSELL CREEK CHURCH

Patrick County, Virginia

October 1, 2, 3,

1954

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# Proceedings

## OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT RUSSELL CREEK, PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA,

October 1, 2, and 3, 1954.

FRIDAY, October 1, 1954.

After prayer by Elder L. P. Martin, Elder Layton Wingfield made a few statements and requested that Elder N. B. Gilbert preach the Introductory Sermon. His request was granted.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder N. B. Gilbert, no special text.

After intermission of one hour, the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with messengers from sister associations, met in the house, and the association was opened with song and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris.

1. Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read. On motion and carried that the messengers be seated and their names enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters; none presented.

3. The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert Moderator, re-elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Clerk, and Deacon J. B. Hutchens Assistant Clerk.

4. Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance Committee: Elder G. H. Doss and Deacon S. J. Corns.

Committee on Arrangements: Deacon Henry Shelton, Elder W. H. Freeman together with the Moderator and Clerk.

Committee to distribute Minutes: Elder W. J. Puckett and Brother J. T. Manring.

5. Called for messengers and visitors from sister associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Brother Mack Freeman and wife.

Bear Creek: No report.

Elkhorn: Elders Otto Tilley, J. C. Tilley and wife, Brother Edd Lawless, Sister Maggie Priddy and others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brother George Walker and A. J. Hill.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. H. Gentry, J. F. Boles, Sam White and others.

Little River: Elder T. F. Adams, Brethren C. L. Dupree, C. E. Pollard, S. L. Ogburn and M. B. Pleasent.

Mill Branch: Brother B. C. Jenrette and wife.

Mates Creek: Elder R. C. Bell and wife, Elder Lee Kendrick and wife, Brother N. E. Stanley and wife and Sister Fanny Stanley.

New River: Elder G. P. Harris and wife, Brother Gold Thompson and wife, Brother J. S. Phillips, H. E. Phillips and wife and N. C. Harris.

Salem: Sister Anna Corns and Brother Tate and Lester Wood.

Seven Mile: Elder B. L. Godwin and wife.

Yellow River: On motion and carried we drop them from our list of correspondence.

White Oak: Elder S. Gray.

Black Creek: Sisters Barbara Carraway and S. C. Carraway, J. R. Carraway and Sister Ellen Williams.

Dan Valley: Leonard Page, Brother and Sister Otis Garner, Brother E. F. Wyatt, Elders Roy M. Flinchum, Jack Pulliam and wife and Elder R. S. Smith and others.

Blue Ridge: Elder U. C. Young and wife, Jackson Via and wife, and Elder B. N. Clifton and Elder B. H. Martin and others.

Center Church: Visitors, Brother Leonard Cassell and wife, Lester Cassell and wife and others.

Pocatalico: On motion and carried that we don't seat them or send any minutes.

6. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

7. Moved that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 9:30 o'clock. Dismissed with prayer by Elder J. H. Gentry.

SATURDAY MORNING. October 2, 1954.

The Association met according to previous arrangements and was opened with song and prayer by Elder R. S. Smith.

8. Called for report of messengers who visited sister associations.

9. The report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

10. Appointed correspondence to sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders W. H. Freeman, J. G. Gardner and Brother C. C. Shreve.

Black Creek: Elders W. H. Freeman, G. H. Doss, J. G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert.

Elkhorn: Brother Frank Wood, Elders W. J. Puckett, N. B. Gilbert, S. L. Gilbert.

Lower Country Line: Elders W. H. Freeman, George Doss, N. B. Gilbert, C. J. Thomas.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. G. Gardner, C. J. Thomas, N. B. Gilbert.

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Seven Mile: Elders S. L. Gilbert, W. H. Freeman.

White Oak: Elders W. H. Freeman, N. B. Gilbert, G. H. Doss. Brother L. G. Stewart.

Mates Creek: Elders W. H. Freeman, S. L. Gilbert, Brother H. L. Shelton.

Dan Valley: Elder W. J. Puckett, Brethren Henry Shelton, W. A. Leak, E. G. Clark.

Little River: Elder G. H. Doss, W. H. Freeman, J. G. Gardner, and L. G. Stewart.

Blue Ridge: Elder G. H. Doss, Brethren R. L. Stone, S. J. Corns, C. C. Shreve, and Brother W. A. Leak and L. G. Stewart.

Bear Creek: Elders S. L. Gilbert, W. H. Freeman.

11. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct any mistakes.

12. On motion and carried that the sum of $5.00 which the Clerk has be turned over to the Finance Committee.

13. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given $60.00 for printing and mailing minutes.

14. On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried that the Clerk have 1000 copies of these minutes printed.

16. On motion and carried that the next association go to Ridgeway Church in Henry County, Virginia, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1955, and continue through Sunday.

17. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and we thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

18. On motion and carried that we omit reading of the Minutes.

19. The Finance Committee made their report:

Received from the churches ..................... $167.75

The report was received and the Committee ordered to be held until Sunday then discharged.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

The Association was closed with song and prayer by Elder B. N. Clifton.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of the Finance Committee received as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from churches | | $167.75 |
| Received from friends | | 39.00 |
| Balance from last year | | 5.00 |
| Total | | $211.75 |
| Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes | $ 60.00 | |
| Gave the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave the Clerk | 15.00 | |
| Gave the Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Gave visiting ministers | 121.75 | |
| Total disbursements | $211.75 | $211.75 |

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
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## PREACHING SERVICE

**Friday Morning:**

Elder L. P. Martin, praise and prayer.
Elder N. B. Gilbert, Introductory Sermon, no special text.

**Friday Afternoon:**

Elder S. T. Atkinson, excused himself.
Elder T. F. Adams, text, Rom. 8:16.
Elder L. P. Martin, text, Isa. 12:6.
Dismissed by Elder G. P. Harris.

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder Lee Kendrick, Isa. 55:11.
Elder E. C. Newman, no special text.
Elder S. Gray, St. John 10:18.
Elder B. L. Godwin, Sam. 17:20.
Elder J. F. Boles, excused himself.
Elder G. P. Harris, excused himself.
Elder J. A. Martin, no special text.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

Elder J. C. Dunbar, no special text.
Brother Gold Tompson, no special text.
Elder J. F. Sumner, "Great tribulations".
Elder Earnest Branch, no special text.
Elder Sam White, no special text.
Elder Jack Pulliam, Rom 8:31.
Dismissed by Elder G. P. Harris.

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder C. R. Rakes, praise and prayer.
Elder Otto Tilley, no special text.
Elder R. C. Bell, Heb. 12:1,2.
Elder R. S. Smith, Isa. 55:8; Deut. 32:1,2.

**Sunday Afternoon:**

Elder J. H. Gentry, Isa. 6:1
Elder B. N. Clifton, no special text.
Elder J. C. Tilley, no special text.
Elder N. B. Gilbert, made some good remarks.
Elder G. H. Doss, Dismissed.

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| J. T. Cox | Reidsville, N. C. | 1913 |
| R. L. Dalton | Stuart, Va. | 1934 |
| R. D. Bell | Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| W. H. Freeman | 111 County Side Dr., High Point, N. C., Ph. 76764 | 1932 |
| W. J. Puckett | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| A. A. Doss | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Willie Booth | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| C. J. Thomas | Danville, Va. | 1934 |
| J. G. Gardner | Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. L. Gilbert | Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| G. H. Doss | Piney Forest Rd., Danville, Va. | 1934 |
| Claude Pulliam | Spray, N. C. | 1951 |
| G. E. Frazier | Draper, N. C. | 1942 |
| N. B. Gilbert | 704 E. 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Ph. 35979 | 1906 |
| Layton Wingfield | Rt. 1, Ridgeway, Va. | 1943 |

**Licentiates:**

L. G. Stewart, Rt. 3, Box 104, Reidsville, N. C.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS, NUMBER OF MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek—50. Cora Stowe, 108 Askin St., Martinsiville, Va., Second Sunday in August.

Pleasant Grove—50. J. B. Hutchens, Stuart, Va., Third Sunday in Sept.

Mayodan—50. Henry Shelton, Reidsville, N. C. Third Sun. in May, Oct.

Russell Creek—40. Addie Handy, Stuart, Va., First Sun. in Aug.

Ridgeway—25. Hilda Mosley, Ridgeway, Va., First Sun. in July.

Macedonia—50. E. G. Clark, Rt. 2, Box 62B, Leaksville, N. C. Fourth Sun. in May and Sept.

Aaron Fork—40. Will Bryant, Rt. 5, Stuart, Va. Third Sun. in Aug.

Matrimony—35. Mabel Rhodes, Price N. C. Second Sunday in July.

Goodwill—50. J. M. Thomas, Rt. 2, Leaksville, N. C. First Sun, in July.

## ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

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|---|---|
| Abbott's Creek: R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C. | 20 |
| Bear Creek: T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 403, Monroe, N. C. | 20 |
| Elkhorn: L. B. Hylton, Rt. 1, Princeton, W. Va. | 20 |
| Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. | 20 |
| Laurel Springs: E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. | 20 |
| Little River: D. E. Young, Rt. 1, Angier, N. C. | 20 |
| Mill Branch: E L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C. | 20 |
| New River: Cecil Phillips, Snowville, Va. | 20 |
| Salem: Eld. A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. | 20 |
| Seven Mile: L. D. Reaves, Coats, N. C. | 20 |
| White Oak: Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C. | 20 |
| Mates Creek: Elder J. J. Staten, Matewan, W. Va. | 20 |
| Dan Valley: Eld. Roy Flinchum, Draper, N. C. | 20 |
| Blue Ridge: Jackson Via, Stuart, Va. | 20 |
| Black Creek: J. T. Boyette, Wilson, N. C. | 20 |

# ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional an the part of the creature.

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8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

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| Russell Creek | Deas. W. T. Hutchens, S. J. Corns, Eld. N. B. Gilbert, J. W. Collins, alt. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 | 19.00 |
|  | Totals | . | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | $167.75 |

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OF THE

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HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA
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**September 30 and October 1, 2, 1955.**

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Committee to distribute Minutes: Elder W. H. Freeman and Brother Marvin Hodges.

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Bear Creek: Brother J. F. Herring.
Elkhorn: Elder L. B. Hylton and wife, Sister Maggie Priddy.
Lower Country Line: Brother A. J. Hill, Elder L. P. Martin and wife.
Laurel Springs: Elders J. C. Dunbar, J. H. Gentry, Sister Dunbar, Joe Boles, E. C. Newman, and others.
Little River: Elder T. F. Adams and wife.
Mill Branch: Brother B. C. Jenrette and wife, Brother Otto Wright, Sister Louise Wright.
Mates Creek: Elders R. C. Bell, B. F. Chapman, Brother and Sister Stanley.
New River: Elder G. P. Harris, Gold Thompson and wife, J. S. Phillips, Clifton Harris, H. E. Phillips and wife.
Salem: Elder W. E. Hylton and wife, Sister Anna Corns and Elder D. G. Staples and others.
Seven Mile: No report.
White Oak: No report.
Black Creek: No report.
Dan Valley: Elder Roy Flinchum, Sister Page, Sister Poteat, Elder R. S. Smith and others.
Blue Ridge: Elder B. H. Martin and wife, Brother Jackson Via and wife and others.
Visitors: Center Church—Brother L. L. Cassell and wife, Brother Lem Koger and others.

6. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondence and visitors.

7. Moved that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Dismissed with prayer by Elder D. G. Staples.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 1, 1955.

The Association met according to previous arrangements and was opened with song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

8. Agreed to omit calling the roll of messengers.

9. Called for report of messengers who visited sister associations.

10. The report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed correspondence to sister associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elder W. H. Freeman, C. C. Shreve, Elder J. G. Gardner.
Black Creek: Elders J. G. Gardner, W. H. Freeman.
Elkhorn: Elders W. H. Freeman, S. L. Gilbert.
Lower Country Line: Elders C. J. Thomas, N. B. Gilbert and J. G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert and Brother L. G. Stewart.
Laurel Springs: Elder S. L. Gilbert, Deacon C. C. Shreve.
Mill Branch: Elder N. B. Gilbert, Brother L. G. Stewart.
New River: Elders C. J. Thomas, N. B. Gilbert.
Salem: Elder C. J. Thomas and C. C. Shreve.
Seven Mile: Elder S. L. Gilbert, Brother L. G. Stewart.
White Oak: Brother L. G. Stewart, Elder N. B. Gilbert.
Mates Creek: Elder W. H. Freeman.
Dan Valley: Elders C. J. Thomas, N. B. Gilbert, Brother L. G. Stewart, Deacon C. C. Shreve.
Little River: Brother L. G. Stewart, Elder N. B. Gilbert.
Blue Ridge: Elder C. J. Thomas, Deacon W. A. Leak.
Bear Creek: Elder S. L. Gilbert.

12. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct any mistakes.

13. On motion and carried that the sum of $5.00 which the Clerk has, be turned over to the Finance Committee.

14. On motion and carried the Clerk be given $60.00 for printing and mailing Minutes.

15. On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the Clerk have 800 copies of these Minutes printed.

On motion and carried to increase the Clerk's fee from $15.00 to $20.00.

17. On motion and carried that the next Association go to Goodwill Church in Henry County, Virginia, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1956 and continue through Sunday.

18. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and we thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

19. On motion and carried that we omit reading of the Minutes.

20. The Finance Committee made their report: $189.20 received from the churches. The report was received and the Committee ordered to be held until Sunday then discharged.

21. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

Agreed to read the obituaries and have same printed in our Minutes.

The Association was closed with song and prayer by Elder R. C. Bell.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of the Finance Committee received as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from churches | | $184.20 |
| Received from friends | | 82.80 |
| Balance from last year | | 5.00 |
| Total | | $272.00 |
| Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes | $ 60.00 | |
| Gave the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave the Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Gave the Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Gave Janitor | 15.00 | |
| Gave visiting ministers | 162.00 | |
| Total disbursements | $272.00 | $272.00 |

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Clerk
DEACON J. B. HUTCHENS, Assistant Clerk

## PREACHING SERVICE

**Friday Morning:**

Elder G. P. Harris, Praise and prayer.
Elder R. L. Dalton, Introductory Sermon, Luke 2:14.
Elder R. D. Bell, Eph. 2:8.

**Friday Afternoon:**

Elder W E. Hylton, Job 42:6.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, Isa. 40:1, 2.
Dismissed by Elder D. G. Staples.

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder W. E. Jarrell, Acts 2:39.
Elder B. H. Martin, no special text.
Elder B. F. Chapman, Psa. 139:15, 18.
Elder E. C. Newman, Rom. 14:4.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

Elder T. F. Adams, Psalm 23.
Elder L. P. Martin, Job 14:23.
Elder L. B. Hylton, no special text.
Brother Gold Thompson, "Famine in Egypt."
Elder R. C. Bell, no special text.
Dismissed by Elder J. G. Gardner.

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder H. D. Prillaman, praise and prayer.
Elder B. N. Clifton, 2 Tim. 2:15.
Elder Joe Boles, no special text.
Elder G. P. Harris, Rom. 8:31.

**Sunday Afternoon:**

Elder D. G. Staples, no special text.
Elder R. S. Smith, Isa. 54:13.
Elder N. B. Gilbert, spoke some very comforting words.
Elder G. P. Harris dismissed.

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| R. D. Bell, | Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| W. H. Freeman, | 111 County Side Dr., High Point, N. C., Ph. 76764 | 1932 |
| W. J. Puckett, | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| A. A. Doss, | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Willie Booth, | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| C. J. Thomas, | Danville, Va. | 1934 |
| J. G. Gardner, | Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. L. Gilbert, | Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1943 |

G. H. Doss, Piney Forest Rd., Danville, Va. .................... 1934
Claude Pulliam, Spray, N. C. .................................... 1951
G. E. Frazier, Draper, N. C. .................................... 1942
N. B. Gilbert, 704 E. 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Ph. 35979 .. 1906
R. L. Dalton, Stuart, Va. ........................................ 1934

**Licentiates:**

L. G. Stewart, Rt. 3, Box 104, Reidsville, N. C.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS, NUMBER OF MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek—50. Cora Stowe, 108 Askin St., Martinsiville, Va., Second Sunday in August.

Pleasant Grove—50. J. B. Hutchens, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in September.

Mayodan—50. Henry Shelton, Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. Third Sunday in May and October.

Russell Creek—40. Addie Handy, Stuart, Va. First Sunday in August.

Ridgeway—25. Hilda Mosley, Ridgeway, Va. First Sunday in June.

Macedonia—50. E. G. Clark, Rt. 2, Box 62B Leaksville, N. C. Fourth Sunday in May and September.

Aaron Fork—40. Will Bryant, Rt. 5, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in Aug.

Matrimony—35. Mabel Rhodes, Price, N. C. Second Sunday in July.

Goodwill—50. J. M. Thomas, Rt. 2, Leaksville, N. C. First Sun. in July

## ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Abbott's Creek: R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C. .................... 20
Bear Creek: T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 403, Monroe, N. C. ...... 20
Elkhorn: L. B. Hylton, Rt. 1, Princeton, W. Va. .................. 20
Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. ..... 20
Laurel Springs: E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. ................... 20
Little River: D. E. Young, Rt. 1, Angier, N. C. .................. 20
Mill Branch: E L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C. .................... 20
New River: Cecil Phillips, Snowville, Va. ........................ 20
Salem: Eld. A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. ... 20
Salem: A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. ...... 20
White Oak: Elder L L. Yopp, Jacksonville, N. C. ................ 20
Mates Creek: Elder J. J. Staten, Matewan, W. Va. ................ 20
Dan Valley: Eld. Roy Flinchum, Draper, N. C. ..................... 20
Blue Ridge: Jackson Via, Stuart, Va. .............................. 20
Black Creek: J. T. Boyette, Wilson, N. C. ........................ 20

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional an the part of the creature.

4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death; and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as

fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse he call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His grace, shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is indendent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no ministers have a righte to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things what soever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (Thess. 1:4, 5; 2 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5, 6,) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.
5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.
6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.
7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the Rules of this Decorum.
8. No messenger shall address another in any term or appellation other than the title of brother.
9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.
10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After which any messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.
11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

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## —OBITUARIES—

### BROTHER WILLIAM ANDREW (BILLY) FREEMAN

With sadness and sorrow I undertake to write the obituary of our beloved brother in the Lord, Brother Billy Freeman.

Brother Freeman was born April 20, 1865, died August 29, 1954, making his stay on earth 89 years, 4 months and 9 days.

On October 14, 1894, he was married to Sister Nancy Ann Jane Hill. To this union were born eight children, three girls: Sister Alice Hill, Sister Cora Stowe, and Mrs. Katie Coleman all of Martinsville, Va.; five boys, Harvey Freeman of Patrick Springs, Va.; Jasper Freeman of Martinsville, Homer Freeman of Durham, N. C. and Noel Freeman of the home. One son, Charlie Jefferson, preceded him to the grave in 1895. The widow and seven children survive, to mourn his passing from their midst.

In early life he was given a hope in Christ, and united with the Church at Spoon Creek, on the second Sunday in April 1898, and lived a faithful member until his death. Funeral service was held at Spoon Creek Church, August 31, by the Elders N. B. Gilbert, Roy Smith, S. T. Atkinson and S. L. Gilbert. He was laid to rest in the Church cemetery to await the coming of our Lord to call His children home to die no more.

I have known Brother Freeman all my life, and in fond recollection, recall the many happy hours spent in his company, remembering in our early life our pleasant times together in the manner of the world. Then rejoicing together in our hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and of heaven and immortal glory. Brother Freeman manifested an humbleness that is not often seen among men. He greatly desired the welfare of the

Church of God and of his family. He often expressed the desire that the children of God be blessed to live together in peace, while they lived in this unfriendly world.

May the grace of our Lord be with the lonely widow in hours of sadness and His Spirit enable her to look forward to the day when she will be reunited with him in the heavenly land, never to part again. You children, who have oftentimes gone to Father for comfort and counsel, will hear his voice no more; but you have a heavenly Father who has ever heard the pleas of His children in all generations. We the Church, feel that our loss is his eternal gain. I believe Brother Freeman could say in his last hours with the poet of old:

Filled with delight my raptured soul
Can here no longer stay;
Though Jordan's waves around me roll,
Fearless I'd launch away.

Hoping to meet him beyond the grave.

Your humble servant in the Lord, I hope,

Elder N. B. Gilbert

## SISTER NANCY ANN JANE FREEMAN

Having been appointed to write the obituary of Sister Nannie Freeman, I now undertake to set forth that which I believe to be true to her life in this world.

Sister Nancy Ann Jane Freeman was born September 7, 1874. She passed from this life June 10, 1955. She was married to William Andrew Freeman October 14, 1894, and to this union were born eight children, five boys and three girls. One son preceded her in death in 1895. The children are as follows: Harvie L. Freeman, Stuart, Va.; Homer J. Freeman, Durham, N. C.; Mrs. Katie Coleman, Ridgeway, Va.; Sister Alice Hill, Sister Cora Stowe, Jasper and Noel Freeman, all of Martinsville, Va.

Sister Freeman loved her family, and above all, loved Spoon Creek Creek the second Sunday in April, 1897. She remained, through storms of trouble, trials and sorrows, a faithful member, and strong supporter of the doctrine of salvation by grace. This unworthy writer never found her wavering from the truth in the least degree. I well remember the first time I ever saw her to know who she was, about forty years ago. The countenance she carried then was with her when she died and left the world.

Sister Freeman loved her family, an above all, loved Spoon Creek Church. All who came in contact with her could not but help feeling relieved after having been in her presence. She was ever ready with a willing hand to administer to those in need, and especially to the Church of God.

Spoon Creek Church together with the children that are left behind mourn her departure, will miss her precious counsel, and her humble presence.

Her funeral was conducted at Spoon Creek Church the second Sunday in June, 1955, by Elder Roy Smith, S. T. Atkinson, N. B. Gilbert and S. L. Gilbert, and was laid to rest from all her labors, beside that of the sleeping husband, in the cemetery at Spoon Creek Church.

Lord grant us grace to bow in humble submission to thy holy will, and give us grace to walk after the example left by our beloved sister in Christ, Mother in relation, and to meet her in that happy land where congregations never break up and Sabbaths never end.

A home in heaven when our friends are fled,
  To the cheerless home of the moulding dead;
We wait in hope of the promise given
  We will meet again in our home in heaven.

Written by one who loved her for the truth's sake,

Sam L. Gilbert

# Statistical Table

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS | Sun. of Meeting | Received Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Restored to Fel. | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Goodwill | Elders G. H. Doss, C. J. Thomas, Brothers Johnnie Walker, J. M. Thomas, Elder A. A. Doss, alt. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 | .. | 15 | 1 | 33 | $ 17.00 |
| Macedonia | Deacon C. C. Shreve, Brother Ernest Hopkins, Elder R. D. Bell, Sister Myrtle Hall, alt. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | 28.00 |
| Aaron's Fork | Brothers Noah Lawson, W. A. Bryant, Elder R. L. Dalton, Sister Nannie Lawson, alt. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 20 | 14.70 |
| Matrimony | Elder W. H. Freeman, Brother T. S. Stowe, Sister Mabel Rhodes, Elder J. G. Gardner, alt. | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 | 25.00 |
| Spoon Creek | Brothers H. E. Wood, C. B. Stowe, T. R. Stowe, W. A, Leak, alt, | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 23 | 20.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | Deacons O. B. Gilley, J. T. Manring, J. B. Hutchens, Sister Lillian Manring, alt. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | 12.50 |
| Mayodan | Brother H. L. Shelton, Elders R. D. Bell, W. J. Puckett, Brother J. G. Johnson, alt. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 51 | 20.00 |
| Russell Creek | Elder N. B. Gilbert, Deacon Sam Corn, Troy Hutchens, J. W. Collins | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 21 | 16.50 |
| Ridgeway | Hilda Mosley, Elder R. D. Bell, Marvin Hodges, Sister Salmon, alt. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 30.50 |
| | | | | | Total | | | | | $184.20 |

286.4

# *Minutes*

OF THE

Twenty-Fourth

Annual Session

OF THE

# Lower Mayo

# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## Good Will Church

HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

OCTOBER 5, 6, and 7,

## 1956

**1957 session convenes, God willing, with the Church at Macedonia, Rockingham County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1957, and continuing through Sunday.**

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### OFFICERS

ELDER N. B. GILBERT .................... Moderator
704 E. 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Phone 35979
ELDER J. G. GARDNER ........................ Clerk
Stoneville, North Carolina, Phone 2490
DEACON J. B. HUTCHENS ............ Assistant Clerk
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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

**Held with the Church at Good Will,**
**Henry County, Virginia,**
**October 5, 6, 7, 1956**

FRIDAY, October 5, 1956.

After praise and prayer by Elder B. L. Godwin, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. D. Bell, text, Matt. 24:23-27.

After intermission of one hour, the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with messengers from sister Associations met in the house and the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

1. Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read. On motion and carried that the messengers be seated and their names enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

3. The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert, Moderator, re-elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Clerk, and Deacon J. B. Hutchens, Assistant Clerk.

4. Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance Committee: Henry Shelton and Tom Manring.

Committee on Arrangements: W. A. Leak, Elder W. H. Freeman, together with the Moderator and Clerks.

Committee to distribute Minutes: J. M. Thomas, Troy Hutchens.

5. Called for messengers and visitors from sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson and wife, Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife.

Bear Creek: No report.

Elkhorn: Brother Lawless, Sister Maggie Priddy, Sister Young, Elder David Adair.

Lower Country Line: Brother A. J. Hill, Brother J. W. Hawkins.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. C. Dunbar, E. C. Newman, Joe Boles.

Little River: Elder T. F. Adams and wife.

Mill Branch: Brother Otto Wright and wife, B. C. Jenrette and wife.

Mates Creek: Elder R. C. Bell and wife.

New River: Elders G. P. Harris, Gold Thompson, Deacon J. S. Phillips, and others.

Salem: Sister Guy Elgin, Brother Fletcher and wife, Elder D. G. Staples, and W. L. Wood.

Seven Mile: Elders B. L. Godwin and wife, E. L. Ferguson.

White Oak: Brother E. J. Davis and wife, J. B. Huffman and wife, Clayton Brown.

Black Creek: No report.

Dan Valley: Elder Roy Flinchum, Tommie Willard, Sister Annie Owens, Brother Leonard Page, Elder R. S. Smith.

Blue Ridge: Elder H. D. Prilliman, Brother Henry Cassell, Elder B. H. Martin and wife, Elder U. C. Young and wife, Brother Jackson Via and wife, Elder B. N. Clifton.

VISITORS:

Center Church: L. L. Cassell and wife, Lester Cassell and wife, Sister Stovall, Sister Joyce, and others.

6. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

7. Moved that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder N. B. Gilbert.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 6, 1956.

The Association met according to previous arrangements and was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. C. Dunbar.

8. Called for report of messengers who visited sister Associations.

9. The report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

10. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elder A. A. Doss.

Black Creek: Elders J. G. Gardner, N. B. Gilbert, Henry Shelton.

Elkhorn: Deacon C. C. Biggs, Henry Shelton.

Lower Country Line: Elders A. J. McDaniel, R. D. Bell.

Laurel Springs: Elder N. B. Gilbert, Deacons C. C. Biggs, W. A Leak, and Henry Shelton.

Mill Branch: Deacon Henry Shelton.

New River: Elder N. B. Gilbert, Deacons Henry Shelton, S. J. Corns, C. C. Biggs, and W. A. Leak.

Salem: Elds. N. B. Gilbert, A. A. Doss, R. D. Bell Deac. C. C. Biggs.

Seven Mile: On motion it was agreed to send a Committee, to-wit: Elders W. H. Freeman, A. A. Doss, J. G. Gardner, R. D. Bell, alternate to petition for correspondence with Seven Mile Association.

White Oak: Elder A. A. Doss.

Mates Creek: Elder N. B. Gilbert, Deacs. C. C. Biggs, Henry Shelton.

Dan Valley: Deacons Henry Shelton, W. A. Leak, C. C. Biggs, Elders N. B. Gilbert, and A. A. Doss.

Little River: Elder A. J. McDaniel.

Blue Ridge: Deacons S. J. Corns, W. A. Leak, Elder A. A. Doss, Deacon Henry Shelton.

Bear Creek: Elder S. L. Gilbert, Deacon C. C. Biggs.

11. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct any mistakes.

12. On motion and carried that the sum of $5.00 which the Clerk has be turned over to the Finance Committee.

13. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given $60.00 for printing and mailing Minutes.

14. On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried the Clerk have 800 copies of these Minutes printed.

16. On motion and carried that the next Association go to Macedonia Church, in Rockingham County, N. C., to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1957, and continue through Sunday.

17. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and we thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Asociation.

18. On motion and carried that we omit reading the Minutes.

19. The Finance Committee made their report: $187.45. On motion the report was received, and Committee ordered held until the close of the Association Sunday. On motion agreed to have the obituary printed in Minutes, which will appear.

On motion that we correspond by Minutes with Mt. Enon Association of Florida.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. The Association was closed with song and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of the Finance Committee as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from the churches | $187.45 | |
| Received from friends | 33.55 | |
| Balance left from last year | 5.00 | $226.00 |
| Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes | $ 60.00 | |
| Gave to the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave to the Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Gave to the Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Gave the Janitor | 15.00 | |
| Gave the visiting Ministers | 116.00 | $226.00 |

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Clerk
DEACON J. B. HUTCHENS Ass't. Clerk

## PREACHING SERVICE

**Friday Morning:**

Elder B. L. Godwin, praise and prayer.
Elder R. D. Bell, Introductory Sermon, text Matt. 24:23-27.

**Friday Afternoon:**

Elder W. E. Jarrell, text John 15:16.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, no special text.
Elder T. F. Adams, Mark 16:15-17.
Elder N. B. Gilbert, dismissed.

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder J. C. Dunbar, praise and prayer.
Elder E. L. Ferguson, Rom. 5:1.
Elder B. L. Godwin, Acts 26:1.
Elder Emmett Stone, Isa. 41:17, 18.
Brother J. W. Hawkins, Psa. 51:12.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

Elder H. D. Prilliman, failed to get text.
Elder Gold Thompson, no special text.
Elder D. G. Staples, no special text.
Elder J. C. Dunbar, no special text.
Elder B. N. Clifton, excused himself.
Elder Jack Pulliam, no special text.
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Elder R. C. Bell, Luke 1:26, 33.
Elder G. P. Harris, Acts 4:25.
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Elder Bill Hylton, 1 Kings 3:5.

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Elder David Adair, no special text.
Elder R. S. Smith, Jer. 1:4; John 1:1.
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## OBITUARY

Sister Eliza Rakes Hall was born April 22, 1884, and passed away December 22, 1955, making her stay here 71 years and 8 months. She was married to Charlie E. Hall October 24, 1901, who preceded her to the grave in 1949. She leaves the following children to mourn her passing. Mrs. Elmer Rogers of Leaksville, N. C., Mrs. Riley Lawson and Mrs. Benny Lynch of Draper, N. C., Mrs. Willie Hall of Critz, Va., and Mrs. Donald Burroughs of Reidsville, N. C., three sons, Otis, Thomas and Leslie Hall, all of Leaksville, N. C.; two brothers, W. B. Rakes of Fieldale, Va., and James Rakes of Keysville, Va.; twenty-three grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

Sister Hall united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Dan River the fourth Sunday in August, 1908. She later moved her membership to Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church in August, 1936, where she remained a faithful member until her death.

Sister Hall will be greatly missed by all who knew her, as one that was ever ready to lend a helping hand to all that stood in need. Her doors were always open to her brethren, sisters and friends. Sister Hall's last years were passed in lonliness by the reason of the passing of her loving companion, yet we believe that her children endeavored to ease her lonely mind and render every comfort possible unto her. This unworthy writer could ofttimes behold the very pressence of her Redeemer in her countenance. She greatly rejoiced in the preaching of the gospel by the called ministers of our God and was a strong believer in the doctrine of salvation by grace.

The church has lost a precious mother, and the memory of her will ever linger in the minds of the membership of Pleasant Grove, as long as we live. But we desire to bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father and say, Sleep on, Sister, sleep on, till that great rising day, when our Lord shall call us home.

Children, weep not for Mother, though you miss her presence, but pray for grace to fit us for heaven and immortal glory, there to meet Mother and Father in that heavenly land where parting is no more.

"The happy season soon will come,
When saints shall meet in heaven their home;
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Written by Sister Nealie Wilkins and Sam L. Gilbert.

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# Statistical Table

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Macedonia .... | E. G. Clark, C. C. Shreve, L. G. Stewart, Robert Harris, alt. ........ | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | $24.00 |
| Aaron's Fork ... | Noel Lawson, H. D. Tilley, W. A. Bryant, Nannie Lawson, alt. ...... | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22 | 12.00 |
| Matrimony .... | Tony Stowe, Elder J. G. Gardner, Mabel Rhodes, Eld. W. H. Freeman | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 18 | 35.00 |
| Spoon Creek .... | W. A. Leak, H. E. Wood, C. C. Biggs, C. B. Stowe, alt. .............. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 23 | 27.00 |
| Pleasant Grove . | J. B. Hutchens, Elder S. L. Gilbert, O. B. Gilley, J. T. Manring, alt. .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 24 | 16.50 |
| Mayodan ..... | H. L. Shelton, Charley Hopkins, Elder W. J. Puckett, Elder R. D. Bell | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 48 | 20.00 |
| Russell Creek ... | Deac. W. T. Hutchens, S. J. Corn, Eld. N. B. Gilbert, Sister Ida Bullins | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21 | 18.00 |
| Ridgeway ..... | Sister Hildah Mosley, Bro. Hodges, Sisters Soloman, Sister Thacker, alt. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8 | 18.50 |
| Good Will ..... | Elders A. A. Doss, A. J. McDaniel, J. M. Thomas, C. C. Manuel, alt. .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 32 | 16.45 |
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OF THE

## Twenty-Fifth

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OF THE

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HELD WITH

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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.
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1958 session convenes God willing, with the Church at Aaron's Fork, Stokes County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1958, and continuing through Sunday.

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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**Held with the Church at Macedonia,**
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**October 4, 5, 6, 1957.**

FRIDAY, October 4, 1957.

After praise and prayer by Elder C. J. Thomas, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. H. Freeman, text Heb. 1:1, followed by Elder W. J. Puckett, text, He opens and none can shut.

After intermission of one hour, the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with messengers from sister Associations met in the house and the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris.

1. Letters from the several churches at our Association were called for and read, On motion and carried that the messengers be seated and their names enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

3. The Association re-elected Elder N. B. Gilbert, Moderator, Elder J. G. Gardner, Clerk, Deacon J. B. Hutchens, Assistant Clerk.

4. Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum. On motion carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance Committee: Henry Shelton, Tom Manring.

Committee on Arrangements: E. G. Clark, C. C. Biggs, together with Moderator and Clerks.

Committee to distribute Minutes: Elders W. J. Puckett, A. J. McDaniel.

5. Called for messengers and visitors from sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Bro. Mack Freeman and wife.

Bear Creek: File of Minutes.

Elkhorn: Brother J. E. Lawless, Elder W. E. Branch, Sisters Maggie Priddy, and Minnie Young.

Lower Country Line: Brother A. J. Hill, F. D. Long and wife, Elders C. J. Thomas, L. P. Martin and wife.

Laurel Springs: Elders J .C. Dunbar, Joe Boles, E. C. Newman and wife, and S. W. Bunn.

Little River: File of Minutes.

Mill Branch: Brother B. C. Jenrette, and wife.

Mates Creek: File of Minutes.

New River: Elder G. P. Harris, C. H. Harris, and Nannie Phillips, Brother Early Quesenberry and wife, and others.

Salem: Brethren J. W. Stone, W. L. Garner, Carter, Sister Annie Carns, Brother W. L. Wood, Elders A. B. Barham and G. W. Hill.

Seven Mile: L. D. Reaves and wife, Elder E. L. Ferguson, and others.

White Oak: File of Minutes.

Black Creek: File of Minutes.

Dan Valley: Brother Emmett Hall, Leonard Page, Elders R. S. Smith, Jack Pulliam, and others.

Blue Ridge: Elders B. H. Martin, and wife, H. D. Prilliman, B. N. Clifton, U. C. Young, and wife, and others.

Visitors: Center Church: Elder D. P. Helms, and wife, Brother George Helms and wife, Sister L. L. Cassel land others.

6. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

7. Moved that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed with prayer by Elder D. P. Helms.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 5, 1957.

The Assocaition met according to previous arrangements and was opened with song and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris.

8. Called for report of messengers who visited sister Associations.

9. The report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

10. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Brother E. G. Clark, C. C. Biggs, C. C. Shreve.
Black Creek: Deacon Henry Shelton, Elder A. J. McDaniel.
Elkhorn: No appointment was taken.
Lower Country Line: Henry Shelton, Deacon C. C. Biggs.
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11. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct any mistakes.

12. On motion and carried that the sum of $10.00 which the Clerk has, be turned over to the Finance Committee.

13. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given $60.00 for printing and mailing Minutes.

14. On motion that the contributions be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried the Clerk have 800 copies of these Minutes printed .

16. On motion and carried that the next Association go to Aaron's Fork Church, in Stokes County, N. C., to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1958 and continue through Sunday.

17. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and we thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

18. On motion that we omit reading the Minutes.

19. The Finance Committee made their report: $220.50. On motion the report was received and the Committee ordered held until the close of the Association Sunday.

20. On motion that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

The Association was closed with song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of the Finance Committee as follows:

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| Received from the churches | $210.50 | |
| Received from friends | 35.00 | |
| Balance left from last year | 10.00 | $255.50 |
| Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes | $ 60.00 | |
| Gave the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave the Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Gave the Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Gave visiting ministers | 160.50 | $255.50 |

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Elder Jack Puliam, Rom. 8:9.
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Elder L. P. Martin, 2 Peter 8.
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**Saturday Afternoon:**

Elder Joe Boles, made some good remarks.
Elder H. D. Prilliman, Let patience have her perfect work.
Elder S. W. Bunn, No special text.
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Elder B. N. Clifton, John 6:24.
Brother Koger, no special text.
Elder H. D. Prilliman, dismissed.

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder A. B. Barham, praise and prayer.
Elder W. E. Branch, no special text.
Elder G. P. Harris, Luke 7:50.

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## ORDINATION OF BROTHER N. G. HUTCHENS

On Sunday morning, March 3, 1957, a presbytery of Elders and Deacons was organized by request of the Church at Good Will, Henry County, Va., to inquire into the qualifications of Brother N. G. Hutchens for the office of Deacon. The presbytery was organized by electing Elder G. W. Hill as their Moderator and Elder Roy M. Flinchum as their Clerk. Brother J. M. Thomas was chosen as spokesman for the church. Elder A. A. Doss to question Brother Hutchens. Elder B. N. Clifton was chosen to pray the ordination prayer while the presbytery laid hands on Brother Hutchens. Elder A. J. McDaniel was chosen to deliver the charge. The Moderator then turned Brother Hutchens back to the church as her deacon.

The presbytery was composed of the following Elders and Deacons: Elders R. L. Dalton, A. A. Doss, W. E. Hylton, B. N. Clifton, U. C. Young, A. J. McDaniel, T. L. Willard, G. W. Hill, Roy M. Flinchum, Deacons J. M. Thomas, C. C. Manuel, C. G. Strader, N. B. Lawson, G. C. Harris, R. J. Harris.

Done by order of the Church at Good Will, March 3, 1957..
Elder G. W. Hill, Moderator of the presbytery.
Elder Roy M. Flinchum, Clerk of the presbytery.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS | Sun. of Meeting | Rec. by Baptism | Rec. by Letter | Rec. by Relation | Restored to Fel. | Dis'd. by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aaron's Fork . . | W. A. Bryant, Bro. Noah Lawson, Minnie Bryant, Eld. Bob Dalton, alt. | 3 | 1 | 2 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 24 | $16.00 |
| Matrimony . . . | T. S. Stowe, Eld. W. H. Freeman, W. Gilbert, Eld. J. G. Gardner alt. | 2 | . . |  | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 17 | 31.00 |
| Spoon Creek . | Bro. C. B. Stowe, T. R. Stowe, Deacs. W. A. Leak, C. C. Biggs, alt. . . | 2 | . . | . . | 2 | . . |  |  | . . | 25 | 27.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | Deacs. O. B. Gilley, J. T. Manring, J. B. Hutchens, J. H. Hawkins, alt. | 3 | . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 25 | 19.00 |
| Mayodan . . . | Dea. H. L. Shelton, Eld. W. J. Puckett, Willie Booth, P. F. Massey, alt. | 3 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 3 |  | 45 | 22.00 |
| Russell Creek . . | Dea. S. J. Corns, W. T. Hutchens, Eld. S. L. Gilbert, J. W Collins, alt. | 1 | . . | . . |  |  | . . | . . | 2 | 19 | 18.00 |
| Ridgeway . . . | Sister Moseley, Bro. Hodges, Sister Solomon, Sister Thacker, alt. . . | 1 | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | 8 | 18.50 |
| Good Will . . . | Elds. A. A. Doss, A. J. McDaniel, Bro. C. C. Manuel, J. M. Thomas, N. G. Hutchens, alt . . . . . . . . . . | 1 | 2 | 2 |  | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 35 | 29.00 |
| Macedonia . . | Bro. E. G. Clark, Ernest Hopkins, Robert Harris, C. C. Shreve, alt. . . | 4 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 2 | . . | . . | 23 | 30.00 |
|  | Total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . |  |  | 210.50 |

# *Minutes*

OF THE

## Twenty-Sixth

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Lower Mayo

# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## Aaron's Fork Church

STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 3, 4, 5,

[1958]

Next session to be held with Spoon Creek Church, in Patrick County, Virginia, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1959, and continuing through Sunday.

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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH AARON'S FORK CHURCH, STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**October 3, 4, 5, 1958.**

FRIDAY, October 3, 1958.

After praise and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. J. Puckett, followed by Elder A. A. Doss.

After an intermission of one hour the mesengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with messengers from sister Associations, met in the house and the house was opened with song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read. On motion and carried that the letters be received and the messengers seated, and their names be enrolled in our Statistical Table. On motion and carried that we drop Matrimony Church because of her disorder.

2. Called for petitionary letters, none presented.

3. The Association elected Elder N. B. Gilbert Moderator, Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk, and Deacon J. B. Hutchens, Assistant Clerk.

4. Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance Committee: Deacons Marvin Hodge, Tom Manring.

Committee on Arrangements: Elder W. J. Puckett, and C. C. Biggs, together with the Moderator and Clerks.

Committee to distribute Minutes: Deacons Harry Wood, and E. G. Clark.

5. Called for messengers and visitors from our sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Bear Creek: File of Minutes.

Elk Horn: Elders W. E. Branch, P. P. Kiblinger, R. E. Hawks, Deacon J. Craft, Sister Maggie Priddy, and others.

Lower Country Line: Eld. L. P. Martin, Deacon Geo. Walker.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. C. Dunbar, J. H. Gentry, Carl

Newman, Sam White, and others.

Little River: Elder Floyd Adams.

Mill Branch: Brother B. C. Jenrette and wife, and Sister Louise Wright.

Mates Creek: File of Minutes.

New River: Elder G. P. Harris, Brethren C. H. Harris, N. C. Harris, and others.

Salem: Elder W. E. Hylton and others.

Seven Mile: File of Minutes.

White Oak: Brother Davis and wife.

Black Creek: File of Minutes.

Dan Valley: On motion and carried that we drop correspon-wdence with the Dan Valley Association.

Blue Ridge: Elders B. H. Martin and wife, H. D. Prilliman, B. N. Clifton, U. C. Young and wife and others.

Mt. Enon: Asked for correspondence. and the request was granted.

Independent Churches:

Center: Brethren Lester Cassell and wife, George Helms, and wife, and others.

San Joaquin Valley, California: Elder W. B. Howard, others.

6. On motion that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed with prayer by Elder W. B. Howard.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 4, 1958.

The Asociation met according to previous arrangement and was opened with song and prayer by Elder W. B. Howard.

8. Called for messengers who visited sister Associations.

9. The Report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

10. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elder W. H. Freeman and Bro. E. G. Clark.

Black Creek: Elder W. H. Freeman and Bro. Henry Shelton.

Elk Horn: Elder A. A. Doss, Bros, L. G. Stewart, C. C. Biggs.

Lower County Line: Brethren Henry Shelton, E. G. Clark, and Elder S. L. Gilbert.

Laurel Springs: Elder R. L. Dalton, Brethren E. G. Clark, and C. C. Biggs.

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Seven Mile: Elders W. H. Freeman and S. L. Gilbert.

White Oak: Elder A. A. Doss.

Blue Ridge: Eld. A. A. Doss, Dea. S. J. Corn, Henry Shelton.

Bear Creek: Elder S. L. Gilbert, Brethren C. C. Biggs and Henry Shelton.

Mates Creek: Elder A. A. Doss.

Mt. Enon: Minutes.

11. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct any mistake.

12. On motion and carried that the sum of $10.00 which the Clerk has be turned over to the Finance Committee.

13. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given $60.00 for printing and mailing the Minutes.

14. On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried that the Clerk have 800 copies of these Minutes printed.

16. On motion and carried that the next Association go to Spoon Creek Church in Patrick County, Virginia, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1959, and continuing through Sunday.

17. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and thanking the brethren and sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

18. On motion and carried that we omit the reading of the Minutes.

19. The Finance Comittee made their report: 240.20. On motion carried the report was received and the Committee ordered held until the close of the Association Sunday.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. The Association was closed with song and prayer by Elder J. H. Gentry.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Report of the Finance Committee as follows:

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| Received from the churches | $184.70 | |
| Received from friends | 45.50 | |
| Balance left from last year | 10.00 | $240.20 |
| Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes | 60.00 | |
| Gave the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave the Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Gave the Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Gave visiting ministers | 145.20 | $240.20 |

ELDER N. B. GILBERT, Moderator
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## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning:**
Elder G. P. Harris, Praise and prayer.
Elder W. J. Puckett, Introductory Sermon.
Elder A. A. Doss.

**Friday Afternoon:**
Elder Floyd Adams, Rom. 8:11.
Elder L. P. Martin, Isa. 54:16, 17.

**Saturday Morning:**
Elder W. B. Howard, Praise and prayer.
Elder Reid Rakes, no special text.
Elder W. B. Howard, Acts 20:25.
Elder Carl Newman, no special text.

**Saturday Afternoon:**
Elder H. D. Prilliman, Ordinance of moon and stars.
Elder J. C. Dunbar, 1 Tim. 1:8.
Elder J. H. Gentry, Jer. 10:23.
Elder N. B. Gilbert, dismissed.

**Sunday Morning:**
Elder J. S. Sechriest, Praise and prayer.
Elder P. P. Kiblinger, "One vessel unto honor," etc.
Elder W. E. Branche, 1 Cor. 6:9-11.
Elder W. E. Hylton,

**Sunday Afternoon**
Elder J. S. Sechriest,, "Whom He did foreknow," etc.
Elder S. J. White, excused himself.
Elder Benny Clifton, no special text.
Elder J. S. Sechriest, dismissed.

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| A. A. Doss | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Willie Booth | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| S. L. Gilbert | Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| N. B. Gilbert | 704 E. 13th St., Winston-Salem, N. C. Ph. 35979 | 1906 |
| R. L. Dalton | Stuart, Va. | 1934 |
| R. D. Bell | Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| W. H. Freeman | Rt. 1, Box 72, Tabor City, N. C. | 1932 |
| Frank Keaton | 1604 Lee's Chapel Rd., Greensboro, N. C. | 1938 |
| W. J. Puckett | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |

**Licentiates:**
L. G. Stewart, Rt. 3, Box 104, Reidsville, N. C.

## CLERKS, ADDRESSES, NO. MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek—50. Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in August.
Pleasant Grove—50. J. B. Hutchens, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in September.
Mayodan—50. Henry Shelton, Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. Third Sunday in May and October.
Russell Creek—40. Addie Handy, Stuart, Va. First Sunday in August.
Ridgeway—25. Hilda Mosley, Ridgeway, Va. First Sunday in June.
Macedonia—50. E. G. Clark, Rt. 2, Box 62B Leaksville, N. C. Fourth Sunday in May and September.
Aaron Fork—40. Will Bryant, Rt. 5, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in Aug.
Goodwill—50. J. M. Thomas, Rt. 2, Leaksville, N. C. First Sun. in July

## ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

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|---|---|
| Abbott's Creek: R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C. | 20 |
| Bear Creek: T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 403, Monroe, N. C. | 20 |
| Elkhorn: L. B. Hylton, Rt. 1, Princeton, W. Va. | 20 |
| Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. | 20 |
| Laurel Springs: E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. | 20 |
| Little River: C. L. Ogburn, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C. | 20 |
| Mill Branch: E L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C. | 20 |
| New River: Charles Watson, Rt. 2, Willis, Va. | 20 |
| Salem: Eld. A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. | 20 |
| White Oak: Elder L L. Yopp, Jacksonville, N. C. | 20 |
| Mates Creek: Mrs. Lula Stanley, McAndrews, Ky. | 20 |
| Blue Ridge: Jackson Via, Stuart, Va. | 20 |
| Black Creek: J. T. Boyette, Wilson, N. C. | 20 |
| Mt. Enon: Elder S. D. Murphy, 7514 40th St., Tampa 4, Fla. | 10 |
| Seven Mile: L. D. Reaves, Box 52, Coats, N. C. | 20 |

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the Rules of this Decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any term or appellation other than the title of brother.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional an the part of the creature.

4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death; and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

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7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His grace, shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

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| Pleasant Grove | Dea. J. T. Manring, J. B. Hutchens, Sisters Nealie Wilkins, L. Manring | 3 |  |  | . . | . . | . . | . . | 1 | 23 | 22.20 |
| Mayodan . . | Elds. R. D. Bell, W. J. Puckett, Dea. H. Shelton, Eld. W. Booth, alt. . . | 3 | 3 |  | . . |  | . . | . . | 1 | 47 | 20.50 |
| Russell Creek | Deacs. S. J. Corn, W. T. Hutchens, Eld. S. L. Gilbert, Jim Collins, alt. | 1 |  | . . |  | . . | . . | . . |  | 19 | 21.00 |
| Ridgeway . . | Bro. M. Hodge, Sister Moseley, Eld. R. D. Bell, Sister Smith, alt. . . | 1 | . . |  | 1 |  | . . | 2 | . . | 6 | 14.50 |
| Good Will . . | N. G. Hutchens, J. M. Thomas, W. Cassell, L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss | 1 | 1 |  | . . | 1 |  | . . | 1 | 36 | 28.00 |
| Macedonia . . | Deacons E. G. Clark, Robert Harris, Eld. W. H. Freeman, O. G. Garner | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | . . | 2 | . . | 1 | 27 | 30.00 |
| Aaron's Fork | Noah Lawson, W. A. Bryant, Virgil Spencer, Eld. R. L. Dalton, alt. | 3 | 1 |  | 1 | . . |  |  | . . | 26 | 22.50 |

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1959

**Next session to convene with Matrimony Church, Rockingham County, N. C., to begin Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1960.**

### — OFFICERS —

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| **ELDER N. B. GILBERT** | **Moderator** |
| **ELDER S. L. GILBERT** | **Clerk** |
| **DEACON J. B. HUTCHINS** | **Assistant Clerk** |

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FRIDAY—October 2, 1959

After praise and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. A. Doss, text, ''Fear not little flock.'' After an intermission of one hour, the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association together with the messengers from the Sister Associations, met in the house, and the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder James Gardner.

Letters from the several Churches of our Association were called for and read. On motion and carried that the letters be received and the messengers seated, and their names be enrolled in our statistical table.

Called for petitionary letters. Matrimony Church presented her petition, and on motion and carried, was received by unanimous vote, and the right hand of fellowship given.

The Association elected Elder N. B. Gilbert, Moderator; Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk and Deacon J. B. Hutchins, Assistant Clerk.

Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance Committee: Elder Layton Wingfield, Brother C. C. Biggs.

Committee on Arrangements: Messengers of this church together with Moderator and Clerks.

Committee to distribute minutes: Deacons Harry Wood and Troy Hutchins.

Called for messengers and visitors from our sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Brother Mac Freeman and wife.

Bear Creek: Brother Lloyd Almond, Sitser Claude Williams.

Black Creek: Minutes

Blue Ridge: Elders U. C. Young and wife, B. H. Martin and wife, Harvey Prilliman, Benny Clifton, Reed Rakes and others.

Elk Horn: Sister Maggie Priddy, Sister Young, and others.

Lower Country Line: Elders L. T. Martin, A. J. Hill and others.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. C. Dunbar, Jacob Mosley, J. H. Gentry, Joe Boles, Carl Newman, Sid Bunn and others.

Little River: Elder W. D. Barber and others.

Mill Branch: Sister Bessie Stanley, Bro. and Sister Horn, Sister Wright.

Mates Creek: Minutes.

New River: Elder Golden Harris, and others.

Salem: Brother and Sister Owens, Bro. Lester Wood and others.

Seven Mile: Elder Earnest Ferguson

White Oak: Elder Horace Bryan and others.

Mt. Enon: On motion and carried that we drop Mt. Enon Association.

Independent Churches:

Center: Brother Lester Cassell and wife, Brother Earnest Wood and wife, Brother Koger and others.

Mewborn's Church: Green County, N. C.: Brethren B. L. Bartlett and wife, G. D. Gray and wife.

Draper Church: Eld. Roy Flinchum, Bro. Harris and others.

On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

Moved that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed with prayer by Elder J. H. Gentry.

## SATURDAY MORNING—October 3, 1959

The Association met according to previous arrangement and was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. C. Dunbar.

Called for messengers who visited sister Associations.

The report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

Appointed Correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Elders Jake Puckett, S. L. Gilbert, Brother E. D. Flinchum.

Bear Creek: Elder Hassell Freeman, Bro. C. C. Biggs.

Black Creek: Eld. Layton Wingfield, Bro. Henry Shelton.

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Seven Mile: Eld. Layton Wingfield

White Oak: Elders. Layton Wingfield, Frank Keaton, A. A. Doss and S. L. Gilbert.

On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct any mistakes.

On motion and carried that the sum of ten dollars which the Clerk has be turned over to the Finance Committee.

On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the sum of $60.00 for the printing and mailing of the minutes.

On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.

On motion and carried that the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed.

On motion and carried that the next Association go to the Church at Matrimony, Rockingham County, North Carolina, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1960, and continuing through Sunday.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and thanking the Brethren, Sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

The Finance Committee made their report: $242.00. On motion and carried that the report be received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association Sunday.

On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. The Association was closed with song and prayer by Elder W. D. Barber.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning:**

Elder G. P. Harris, praise and prayer
Elder A. A. Doss, Introductory Sermon, "Fear not little flock."

**Friday Evening:**

Elder Earnest Ferguson, "What is man," etc.
Elder Golden Harris, excused himself.

**Friday Night at Church:**

Elder J. H. Gentry, praise and prayer
Elder W. D. Barber, failed to get text
Brother Oliver Flinchum, no special text
Eld. J. H. Gentry, no special text
Dismissed by Elder Clifton

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder J. C. Dunbar, praise and prayer
Elder Roy Flinchum, "O come let us sing."
Elder B. H. Martin, no special text
Elder W. D. Barber, failed to get text
Elder J. C. Dunbar, "Verily, verily I say," etc.
Elder Harvey Prilliman, no special text

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder L. T. Martin, "Nothing is too hard," etc.
Elder Horace Bryant, no special text
Elder John Martin, no special text

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder J. C. Gardner, praise and prayer
Elder Reed Rakes, Eph. 8:10
Elder Joe Boles, "Being qualified," etc.
Elder U. C. Young, Clerk was busy, failed to get text.

**Sunday Evening:**

Elder Benny Clifton, no special text
Elder Sidney Bunn, failed to get text
Elder Hall, remarks

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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| Received from churches | $195.00 | |
| Received from friends | 37.00 | |
| Left from last year | 10.00 | $242.00 |
| Allowed for printing minutes | $ 60.00 | |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5 00 | $ 95.00 |
| Gave visiting ministers | 127.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 10.00 | |
| Balance in hand of Clerk | 10.00 | $242.00 |

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| Willie Booth | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| S. L. Gilbert | P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C.; Park 5-4844 | 1943 |
| N. B. Gilbert | 704 E. 136th St., Winston Salem, N. C.; PA 3-5979 | 1906 |
| R. L. Dalton | Stuart, Va. | 1934 |
| R. D. Bell | Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| W. H. Freeman | Rt. 1, Box 72, Tabor City, N. C. | 1932 |
| W. J. Puckett | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| Frank Keaton | Tabor City, N. C. | 1938 |
| Layton Wingfield | Ridgeway, Va. | 1943 |
| James Gardner | Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| Claude Pulliam | Spray, N. C. | 1951 |
| A. A. Doss | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |

**Licentiates:**

S. J. Corns, Stuart, Va.
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4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death; and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained. the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse he call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith

alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His grace, shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

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15. We believe that no ministers have a righte to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things what soever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (Thess. 1:4, 5; 2 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5, 6,) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS | Sun. of Meeting | Rec'd. by baptism | Rec'd by Relation | Restored to Fel. | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matrimony | Dea. T. S. Stow, Eld. J. G. Gardner, Sisters Mabel Rhodes, Lucy Stow | 2 | . | | | .. | .. | .. | 15 | $23.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | J. T. Manring, J. B. Hutchins, Sis. Nellie Hankins, Nealie Wilkins, alt. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 22 | 23.00 |
| Mayo Dan | H. L. Shelton, Elds. W. J. Puckett, R. D. Bell, Willie Booth, alt. | 3 | .. | | | | 3 | 2 | 42 | 23.00 |
| Russel Creek | Dea. S. J. Corns, T. Hutchens, Eld. N. B. Gilbert, Sis. Attie Handy | 1 | .. | .. | .. | | | | 19 | 20.00 |
| Ridgeway | Sis. Hilda Moseley, Eld. R. D. Bell, Sis. Smith, Sis. Oakley, alt. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | | 7 | 16.00 |
| Goodwill | J. M. Thomas, N. G. Hutchens, J. W. Cassell, Eld. Layton Wingfield, A. A. Doss | 1 | 1 | | 3 | | 5 | .. | 35 | 12.50 |
| Macedonia | T. D. Flinchum, E. M. Hopkins, Eld. W. H. Freeman, R. F. Keaton | 4 | .. | .. | | . | 6 | 1 | 16 | 25.50 |
| Aaron Fork | Dea. Will Bryant, Noal Lawson, Bro. Winford Young, Eld. R. L. Dalton, alt. | 3 | 4 | | | | .. | .. | 27 | 20.00 |
| Spoon Creek | Harry Wood, C. C. Biggs, Charlie Stowe, Cletus Turner | 2 | | 1 | 2 | .. | | .. | 19 | 32 00 |

# *Minutes*

OF THE

# Twenty-Eighth

# Annual Session

OF THE

# Lower Mayo

# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## Matrimony Church

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.
SEPTEMBER 30, and OCTOBER 1, 2,
1960

### WAYBILL TO ASSOCIATION

Coming from south and east, go to nearest point on Route 87. Follow 87 to Leaksville, N. C., follow 770 to Stoneville, N. C., take 220 south to Sandy Ridge, N. C. Follow 704 to pointer. Coming from north follow No. 8 through Stuart, Va., first pointer about one half mile south of Stuart, follow to church.

### — OFFICERS —

**ELDER N. B. GILBERT** .................... Honorary Moderator
Winston Salem, N. C.

**ELDER JAMES G. GARDNER** - Acting Moderator,
Stoneville, N. C.

**ELDER SAM L. GILBERT** - Clerk, P. O. Box 2629,
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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT MATRIMONY, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

### SEPTEMBER 1, and OCTOBER 1, 2, 1960

FRIDAY, September 30, 1960.

After praise and prayer by Elder Cecil Scott, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Willie Booth, followed by Elder N. B. Gilbert. After an intermission of one hour, the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with messengers from the sister Associations, met in the house and the Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

1. Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read. On motion and carried that the letters be received and the messengers seated, and their names be enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. The Association elected Elder N. B. Gilbert, Honorary Moderator, and Elder James Gardner, Acting Moderator, Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk, and Deacon J. B. Hutchins, Ass't. Clerk Omitted reading Rules of Decorum.

4. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments: Finance Committee, Deacon Henry Shelton, and Elder R. D. Bell. Comittee on Arrangements: Deacons S. J. Corn, Troy Hutchins, Elder W. J. Puckett, together with Moderator and Clerks. Committee to distribute Minutes: Brother Charley Stowe and Brother Cletus Turner.

5. Called for messengers and visitors from our sister Associations, as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Brother Jesse Trogdon, Sister Alma Jarrell and others.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Black Creek: Elder W. P. Lamm and others.

Blue Ridge: Elders Ben Martin, Harvey Prillaman, Benny Clifton, U. C. Young, and others.

Elk Horn: Brother Edd Lawless and wife, Elder W. A. Harvey, and others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brother Baxter.

Laurel Springs: Elders Carl Newman and wife, Sid Bunn and wife, Jacob Mosely, and others.

Little River: Elder Floyd Adams and wife, Deacon E. B. Pierce and wife, and others.

Mill Branch: Brother McLane Horne and wife, and Sister Louise Wright.

Mates Creek: Elders Richard Keesee and Cecil Scott, Brother and Sister Stanley.

New River: Elders G. P. Harris, Sebon Sechriest and wife, Brethren Joe Duncan and wife, and others.

Salem: Elders A. B. Barham, G. W. Hill, Harry Dagenhart, Brother Seth Biggs and wife, and others.

Seven Mile: Elder Earnest Ferguson.

White Oak: Brethren Ike Shephard, Eugene Shephard and Elders Horace Bryan, and others.

Independent Churches: Center: Brethren Ernest Wood, and wife, Lester Cassell and wife, and others.

Mewborns Church: Minutes.

Draper Church: Brother Dick Gilley and others.

6. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

7. Moved that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed with prayer by Elder T. F. Adams.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 1, 1960.

The Association met according to previous arrangement and was opened with song and prayer by Elder Sebron Sechriest.

8. Called for messengers who visited sister Associations.

9. The report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

10. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

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Bear Creek: Brethren C. C. Biggs, Henry Shelton, Elders Layton Wingfield and S. L. Gilbert.

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A. A. Doss, and Deacon C. C. Biggs.

Elk Horn: Elder A. A. Doss, C. C. Biggs, Henry Shelton.

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11. On Motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct any mistakes.

12. On motion and carried that the sum of ten dollars that the Clerk has be turned over to the Finance Committee. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the sum of $60.00 for printing and mailing of the Minutes.

13. On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.

14. On motion and carried that the Clerk have 800 copies of these Minutes printed.

15. On motion and carried that the next Association go to the Church at Pleasant Grove, Patrick County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October. 1961. And continuing through Sunday.

16. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and thanking the brethren and sisters and friends for their kindness during the sitting of this Association.

17. On motion that we omit the reading of the Minutes.

18. The Finance Committee made their report. On motion that the report be received and the Committee ordered held until the close of the Association Sunday.

19. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. The Association was closed with song and prayer by Elder Harvey Prillaman.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning:**

Elder Cecil Scott, praise and prayer.
Elder Willie Booth, Introductory Sermon, no special text.
Elder N. B. Gilbert, no special text.

**Friday Evening:**

Elder L. P. Martin, Isa. 25:44.
Elder G. P. Harris, Rom. 8:20.
Elder T. F. Adams, Prov. 9:1-5.
Elder James Gardner, dismissed.

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder Sebron Sechriest, praise and prayer.
Elder Cecil Scott, no special text.
Elder W. A. Harvey, John 17.
Elder Harvey Prillaman, excused himself.
Brother Lane Horne, Isa. 28.

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder J. S. Sechriest, Mark 2:13.
Elder H. H. Dagenhart, "Praise ye the Lord," etc.
Elder Sid Bunn, no special text.
Elder Richard Keesee, no special text.
Brother Lane Horne, dismissed with song and prayer.

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder Ben Martin, praise and prayer.
Elder Carl Newman, "Beloved that believe."
Elder Horace Bryan, Clerk failed to get text.
Elder Jacob Mosely, Luke 12:32.

**Sunday Evening:**

Elder G. W. Hill, Heb. 8.
Elder G. W. Hill, dismissed with song and prayer.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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| Received from friends | 34.00 | |
| Left over from last year | 10.00 | $277.75 |
| Allowed for printing Minutes | $60.00 | |
| Allowed the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed the Clerk | 20.00 | |
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| Allowed visiting ministers | 166.00 | |
| Balance in hands of Clerk | 16.75 | $277.75 |

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## ORDINATION OF DEACON

October 25, 1959

By request of the Primitive Baptist Church of Christ at Macedonia a presbytery of Elders and Deacons were called together on Sunday morning, October 25, 1959 for the purpose of inquiring into the qualifications of Brother T. D. Flinchum for the office of deacon.

The presbytery was organized by electing Elder R. D. Bell, as Moderator, and Elder R. M. Flinchum as Clerk. Brother Ernest Hopkins was chosen by the church as their spokesman and Elder W. J. Puckett was elected by the presbytery to question the candidate for ordination. Elder W. H. Freeman prayed the ordination prayer while all the presbytery laid hands upon Brother Flinchum, having found him fully qualified for ordination. The Moderator then turned Deacon T. D. Flinchum back to the church as her deacon.

Done by order of the church at Macedonia on the fourth Sunday morning, in October, 1959.

ELDER R. D. BELL, Moderator of presbytery
ELD. R. M. FLINCHUM Clerk of presbytery

Those composing the above presbytery were as follows: Elder R. D. Bell, Elder R. M. Flinchum, Elder W. J. Puckett, Elder W. H. Freeman, Elder R. F. Keaton, Deacon C. C. Biggs

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pleasant Grove | J. B. Hutchins, J. T. Manring, J. H. Hawkins, Sister Nealie Watkins | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 22 | $23.00 |
| Mayodan ...... | H. L. Shelton, Eld. W. J .Puckett, Sister Lillie Shelton Veocie Goad .. | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 42 | 25.50 |
| Russell Creek .. | S. J. Corns, Troy Hutchins, Eld. N. B. Gilbert Sister Rena Hutchins | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 17 | 25.00 |
| Ridgeway .... | Sister Hilda Mosely, Bro. Hodge, Eld. R. D. Bell, Sister Smith ........ | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 7 | 13.00 |
| Goodwill ...... | J. W. Cassell, J. M. Thomas, N. G. Hutchins, A. A. Doss L. Wingfield | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 33 | 16.00 |
| Macedonia .... | Eld. W. H. Freeman, T. D. Flinchum E. M. Hopkins, Bessie Clark .... | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 16 | 30.00 |
| Aaron's Fork .. | Noah Lawson, Wilbur Flinchum Will Bryant, Winfred Young ........ | 3 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 28 | 23.00 |
| Spoon Creek .... | C. C. Biggs, Charlie Stowe, Cletus Turner, Harry Wood ........................ | 2 | 4 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25 | 34.25 |
| Matrimonty .. | Tony Stowe, Eld. James Gardner, Annie Martin, Sister Lucy Stowe | 2 | 2 | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 2 | 18 | 34.00 |

# *Minutes*

OF THE

## Twenty-Ninth

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Lower Mayo
# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## Pleasant Grove Church

PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 29, 30, AND OCT. 1,

[1961]

Next session convenes with Draper Church, located Rockingham County, in the town of Draper, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1962.

### OFFICERS

ELDER JAMES G. GARDNER ............................ Moderator
Stoneville, N. C.
ELDER SAM L. GILBERT ........................................ Clerk
P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C.
DEACON J. B. HUTCHINS - Ass't Clerk, Stuart, Va.

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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT PLEASANT GROVE, PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, SEPTEMBER 29, 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1961

FRIDAY—September 29, 1961

After praise and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder S. L. Gilbert, followed by Elder W. H. Freeman.

After an intermission of about one hour, the messengers composing the Lower Mayo Association, together with messengers from Sister Associations, met in the house and the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

1. Letters from the several Churches of our association were called for and read. On motion and carried that the letters be received and the messengers seated, and their names be enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Called for Petitionary Letters. Draper Church presented a petitionary letter for membership in the Lower Mayo Association, and Draper Church was unanimously received, and the messengers seated.

3. The Association elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator, Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk, and Deacon J. B. Hutchins, Assistant Clerk.

Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum.

4. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: H. E. Wood and T. D. Flinchum.

Arrangements: The messengers of this Church, together with the Moderator and Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

To Distribute Minutes: Winfred Young and N. G. Hutchins.

5. Called for messengers and visitors from sister Association as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Black Creek: Brother A. F. Langston and wife, Brother Bartlett and wife and others.

Blue Ridge: Elder H. D. Prillaman, Elder B. H. Martin and wife, U. C. Young and wife, and others.

Elk Horn: Elder Ernest Branch, Brother Lawless and wife, and Sister Maggie Priddy and others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin and others.

Laurel Springs: Elder J. C. Dunbar and wife, J. H. Gentry, Carl Newman and wife, and others.

Little River: Elder T. L. Grimes, Deacon E. B. Pierce and wife and others.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Mates Creek: Elder Charley Whitt, N. E. Stanley and wife and Sister Madge Graham,

New River: Elder G. P. Harris, Brethren N. C. Harris, Duncan and others.

Salem: Elder C. S. Farmer, Brother Seth Biggs and wife and others.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

White Oak: Brethren I. W. Sheppard, E. J. Davis, J. B. Huffman and wives and others.

Independent Churches:

6. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

7. Moved that we adjourn until Saturday Morning at 9:30.

Dismissed by prayer by Elder J. H. Gentry.

SATURDAY MORNING—September 30, 1961

The Association met according to previous arrangement and was opened with song and prayer by Elder Ernest Branch.

8. Called for messengers who visited Sister Associations.

9. The report was received, and those who could not attend were excused.

10. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert, J. G. Gardner, and Deacon Henry Shelton.

Bear Creek: Deacon Henry Shelton and S. L. Gilbert.

Black Creek: Elders J. P. Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert and Deacon Henry Shelton.

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Seven Mile: Elders A. A. Doss, W. H. Freeman and S. L. Gilbert.

White Oak: Elders A. A. Doss, W. H. Freeman and S. L. Gilbert.

11. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct any mistakes.

12. On motion and carried that the sum of $24.75 that the Clerk has be turned over to the Finance Committee.

13. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the sum of $60.00 for printing and mailing the minutes.

14. On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.

15. On motion and carried that the Clerk have 800 of these minutes printed.

16. On motion and carried that the next Association go to Draper Church, located in the town of Draper, Rockingham County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1962 and continuing through Sunday.

17. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His mercies and thanking the brethren and sisters and friends kindness, aid and assistance during the sitting of this Association.

18. On motion that we omit the reading of the minutes.

19. The Finance Committee made their report. On motion and carried that the report be received and the Committee held until the close of the Association Sunday.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder J. C. Dunbar.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning, September 29, 1961:**

Elder S. T. Atkinson, praise and prayer.
Introductory Sermon, Elder S. L. Gilbert, "Of myself I can do nothing," etc.
Elder W. H. Freeman, no special text.

**Friday Evening:**

Elder G. P. Harris, excused himself
Elder L. P. Martin, "Who Hath Believed our report," etc.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, "The Lord will destroy the wisdom,"etc.
Dismissed by Elder G. P. Harris.

**Saturday Morning, September 30, 1961:**

Elder Ernest Branch, Song and prayer.
Elder J. H. Gentry, excused himself.
Elder J. C. Dunbar, "Grace unto you."
Elder Ben Clifton, "Who hath an ear to hear," etc.
Elder Sid Bunn, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder Ernest Branch, "O wretched man that I am."
Elder Harvey Prillaman, no special text.
Elder Sebron Sechriest, "You hath He quickened."
Elder Edd Hall, excused himself.
Dismissed by Elder W. J. Puckett.

**Sunday Morning, October 1, 1961:**

Elder Dewey Rakes, Song and prayer.
Elder Charley Whitt, no special text.
Brother I. W. Sheppard, "He heard my Cry."
Elder Clifton Farmer, "By the grace of God, I am what I am."
Elder Johnny Jarrell, no special text.

**Sunday Evening:**

Elder T. L. Grimes, Numbers 15:32-36
Elder Troy Hill, Exodus, "Moreover I am the God of Abraham," etc."
Dismissed by Elder W. H. Freeman.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Received from Churches | $270.25 | |
| Received from Clerk | 24.75 | |
| Received from friends | 58.50 | |
| Received from Assistant Clerk | .60 | $354.10 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | $ 60.00 | |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Allowed Visiting Ministers | 191.00 | |
| Balance in hands of Clerk | 68.10 | $354.10 |

## ORDINATION OF MINISTER

September 2, 1961

We the presbytery met in pursuant to a call by Russell Creek Church, Patrick County, Virginia to look into the qualifications of Brother Sam Corn as for the full work in the ministery.

Organized by electing Elder Sam Gilbert, Moderator, Elder J. S.

Sechriest, Clerk, Elder B. N. Clifton to ask questions. Elder W. J. Puckett to give charge, Brother Troy Hutchins, spokesman for the church, Elder B. N. Clifton to pray ordination prayer.

Brother Sam Corn was question and found to be sound and orthodox to the full work in the ministry by the undersigned presbytery.

Moderator, Elder Sam L. Gilbert
Clerk, Elder J. S. Sechriest
Question by Elder Bennie N. Clifton
Charged by Elder W. J. Puckett
Ordination prayer by Elder B. N. Clifton

—C. M. Moore, Troy Hutchins, Noel Tilley, C. C. Biggs, A. D. Clifton, Enoch Stowe.

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| R. L. Dalton, | Stuart, Va. | 1934 |
| R. D. Bell, | Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| W. H. Freeman, | Rt. 1, Box 72, Tabor City, N. C. | 1932 |
| W. J. Puckett, | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| Layton Wingfield, | Ridgeway, Va. | 1943 |
| James Gardner, | Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| Claude Pulliam, | Rt. 2, Leaksville, N. C. | 1951 |
| L. G. Stewart, | Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. | 1959 |
| A. A. Doss, | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Willie Booth, | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| Jack Pulliam, | Spray, N. C. | 1930 |
| S. L. Gilbert, | P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C.; Park 5-4844 | 1943 |
| S. J. Corn, | Stuart, Va. | 1961 |
| Licentiate N. G. Hutchens, | Rt. 3, Stoneville, N. C. | |

## CLERKS, ADDRESSES, NO. MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek—50. Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in August.

Pleasant Grove—50. J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in September.

Mayodan—50. Henry Shelton, Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. Third Sunday in May and October.

Russell Creek—40. Addie Smith, Stuart Va. First Sunday in August.

Ridgeway—25. Hilda Mosley, Ridgeway, Va. First Sunday in June.

Macedonia—50. T. D. Flinchum, Rt. 2, Box 104, Leaksville, N. C. Fourth Sunday in May and September.

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Draper—25. George C. Harris, Rt. 1, Draper, N. C. Second in October.

## ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

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| Abbotts Creek—Calvin Haward, Rt. 7, Sanford, N. C. | 20 |
| Bear Creek: T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 403, Monroe, N. C. | 20 |
| Elkhorn: L. B. Hylton, Rt. 1, Princeton, W. Va. | 20 |
| Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. | 20 |
| Laurel Springs: E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. | 20 |
| Little River: C. L. Ogburn, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C. | 20 |
| Mill Branch: E L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C. | 20 |

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| New River: Elder Golden Harris, Radford, Va. | 20 |
| Salem: Eld. A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. | 20 |
| White Oak: Elder L L. Yopp, Jacksonville, N. C. | 20 |
| Mates Creek: Mrs. Lula Stanley, McAndrews, Ky. | 20 |
| Blue Ridge: Jackson Via, Stuart, Va. | 20 |
| Black Creek: J. T. Boyette, Wilson, N. C. | 20 |
| Seven Mile: L. D. Reaves, Box 52, Coats, N. C. | 20 |

## RULES OF DECORUM

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| Mayodan .......... | Elds. R. D. Bell, W. J. Puckett, Dea. Henry Shelton, P. N. Massie, alt. | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 41 | 34.25 |
| Rusell Creek .... | Eld. S. J. Corn, S. L. Gilbert, Dea. Troy Hutchins, Addie Smith, alt. .. | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 18 | 20.00 |
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# Minutes

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FRIDAY MORNING, October 5, 1962.

After praise and prayer by Elder J. G. Gardner, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. D. Bell, 1 and 32nd chapter of Isaiah. Followed by Elder W. H. Freeman, "There is therefore now no condemnation," etc.

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1. Letters from the several churches of our Association were called for and read. On motion and carried the letters be received and the messengers seated and their names be enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. The Association elected Elder James G. Gardner, Moderator, Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk, Deacon J. B. Hutchins, Assistant Clerk.

4. Omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments: Finance: Deacon W. T. Hutchins, Elder A. A. Doss; Arrangements: Brother Winfred Young, Deacon C. C. Biggs, together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk; to distribute Minutes: Elder Jack Pulliam and Deacon J. T. Manring.

6. Called for messengers and visitors from sister Associations:

Abbotts Creek: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Staley, others.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Black Creek: Brethren and Sisters, J. B. Pittman and wife, A. B. C. Lamm and wife.

Blue Ridge: Elders H. D. Prillaman, B. H. Martin, Benny Clifton, Frank Pegram, Layton Wingfield, and others.

Elkhorn: Bro. J. E. Lawless and wife, Sister Maggie Priddy.

Lower Country Line: Elders C. J. Thomas, Jack Hawkins, Deacon Ralph Norris and others.

Laurel Springs: Elders Ed Hall, J. C. Dunbar, Troy Hill, and others.

Little River: Elder T. F. Adams, C. L. Ogburn, E. D. Pierce and wife, and M. B. Pleasant.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Mates Creek: Elder Richard Keesee, Deacon Woodrow Lake and wife, and others.

New River: Elder G. P. Harris and wife, Brother Early Harris and others.

Salem: Elders Harry Dagenhart, A. B. Barham, Brother Seth Biggs and wife and others.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

White Oak: Elder Owen Kennedy, Brother I. W. Sheppard and others.

Independent Churches: Mewborn's: Elder J. M. Mewborn.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

8. Moved that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed by prayer by Elder G. P. Harris,

The Association met according to previous arrangements and was opened with song and prayer by Elder Owen Kennedy.

9. Called for messengers who visited sister Associations:

10. The report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed correspondents to Associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders Jack Pulliam, J. G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert, and Deacon Henry Shelton.

Bear Creek: Elders A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, Jake Puckett and S. L. Gilbert.

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Little River: Elds. Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert, J. G. Gardner.

Mates Creek: Deacon Henry Shelton, Elders W. H. Freeman, Jake Puckett, A. A. Doss, Brother Frank Wood.

Mill Branch: Deacon Henry Shelton, Elders W. H. Freeman, Jake Puckett, Jack Pulliam and L. G. Stewart.

New River: Elders Jack Pulliam, A. A. Doss, Jake Puckett, Deacons Henry Shelton and C. C. Biggs.

Salem: Elders J. G. Gardner, Jake Puckett, A. A. Doss, Deacons Himer Minter and Henry Shelton.

Seven Mile: Elders Jake Puckett and S. L. Gilbert, Deacon Henry Shelton.

White Oak: Elders A. A. Doss and L. G. Stewart.

12. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried that the sum of $68.10 the Clerk has be turned over to the Finance Committee.

14. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the sum of $60.00 for printing and mailing the Minutes.

15. On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried that the Clerk have 800 copies of these Minutes printed.

17. The Finance Committee was called on to report. On motion and carried the report was received and the Committee ordered held until the close of the Association on Sunday.

18. On motion and carried that the next Association be held with the Church of Mayodan, Rockingham County, in the town of Mayodan, North Carolina, on highway 220, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1963 and continuing three days.

19. Resolved that we return thanks to our heavenly Father for His keeping grace and mercies, and thanking the brethren and sisters and friends for their kindness, aid and assistance in the preparation and during the sitting of this Association.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Dismissed by song and prayer by Elder N. G. Hutchins.

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator
ELDER S. L. GILBERT, Clerk
DEACON J. B. HUTCHINS, Ass't. Clerk

## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning, October 5, 1962.**

Elder J. G. Gardner, Praise and prayer.
Elder R. D. Bell, Introductory Sermon, Isa. 1 & 32.
Elder Hassell Freeman, 'There is therefore no condemnation," etc.

**Friday Evening:**

Elder G. P. Harris, "Them that are in Christ Jesus," etc.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, Rom. 8:6.
Elder H. D. Prillaman, excused himself.
Elder C. J. Thomas, dismissed.

**Saturday Morning, October 6, 1962.**

Elder Owen Kennedy, Praise and prayer.
Elder Benny Clifton, excused himself.
Elder R. C. Bell, excused himself.
Elder Owen Kennedy, Matt. 1:18.
Elder Richard Keesee, failed to get text.
Elder J. M. Mewborn, Heb. 9.
Elder Floyd Adams, Prov. 9.

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder H. D. Prillaman, 1 Pet. 1:3.
Elder J. C. Dunbar, Matt. 1:18.
Elder Jack Hawkins, no special text.
Elder Harry Dagenhart, Luke 23:32.
Elder Floyd Adams, dismissed.

**Sunday Morning, October 7, 1962.**

Elder C. J. Thomas, praise and prayer.
Brother I. W. Sheppard, "When the poor and needy," etc.
Elder Emmett Stone, 1 Cor. 15-51-55.
Elder A. B. Barham, Isa. 26:12, 13.
Elder C. J. Thomas, Isa 45:11.

**Sunday Evening:**

Elder Frank Pegram, Except ye become as little children.
Brother Leonard Cassell, Isa. 45:4.
Brother Ball, no special text.
Dismissed by song and prayer by Elder W. J. Puckett

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Received from the churches | $263.00 | |
| Received from friends | 55.50 | |
| Received balance left in hands of Clerk | 68.10 | $386.60 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Printing and mailing Minutes | $ 67.00 | |
| Allowed the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed the Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Allowed the Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Allowed School auditorium expense | 40.00 | |
| Allowed for janitor service | 15.00 | |
| Allowed visiting ministers | 192.00 | |
| Left in the hands of the Clerk | 37.60 | $386.60 |

## ELDERS OF LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| W. H. Freeman | Rt. 1, Box 72, Tabor City, N. C. | 1939 |
| W. J. Puckett | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
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Black Creek: J. B. Williams, 225 Braswell St. Rocky Mount, N. C. 20
Blue Ridge: Noel Tilley, Rt. 1, Box 350, Fieldale, Va. .................... 20
Elkhorn: Elder W. E. Branch, Rt. 1, Box 312, Chilhowie, Va. .... 20
Laurel Springs: E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. .................. 20
Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. ..... 20
Little River: C. L. Ogburn, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C. ........ 20
Mill Branch: E L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C. .................... 20
Mates Creek: N. E. Stanley, Box 193, Hardy, Ky. .......................... 20
New River: Elder Golden Harris, Radford, Va. ............. 20
Salem: Eld. A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. ... 20
Seven Mile: Elder B. L. Godwin, Box 96, Coats, N. C. .................. 20
White Oak: Elder L. L. Yopp, Sneads Ferry, N. C. ....................... 20

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the Rules of this Decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After which any messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power. justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional an the part of the creature.

4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death; and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse he call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the

imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His grace, shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is indendent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no ministers have a righte to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things what soever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (Thess. 1:4, 5; 2 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5, 6,) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF MESSENGERS | Sun. of Meeting | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Restored to Fel. | Rec'd by Relation | Dis'd by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Tot. Membership | Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mayodan | Dea. H. L. Shelton, W. J. Puckett, Bro. S. B. Paine, R. D. Bell, alt. | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 41 | $25.00 |
| Russell Creek | S. L. Gilbert, S. J. Corn, Dea. W. T. Hutchins, Sis. Rena Hutchins alt. | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 12 | 21.00 |
| Ridgeway | Marvin Hodge, Sisters Hilda Mosley & Smith, Sis. Ethel Wilson, alt. | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 | 25.00 |
| Goodwill | Dea. Homer Minter, J. W. Cassell, J. M. Thomas, Eld. A. A. Doss, alt. | 1 | 1 | .... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 35 | 26.00 |
| Macedonia | T. D. Flinchum, Sisters Bessie Clark, Myrtle Hall, Irma Flinchum, alt. | 4 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 16 | 33.00 |
| Aaron Fork | Dea. Charlie Moore, W. A. Bryant, Winfred Young, R. L. Dalton, alt. | 3 | 2 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 33 | 25.00 |
| Spoon Creek | Charlie Stowe, Frank Wood, C. C. Biggs,, Harry Wood, alt. | 2 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 28 | 28.00 |
| Matrimony | Jack Julliam, Elijah Stowe, Mable Rhodes, James Gardner, alt. | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 17 | 30.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | J. B. Hutchins, O. B. Gilley, J. T. Manring, Sister Nellie Hawkins, alt. | 3 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 21 | 25.00 |
| Draper | George Harris, Sisters Broomfield & McDaniel, Bro. Pulliam, alt. | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 19 | 25.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | $263.00 |

# *Minutes*

OF THE

# Thirty-First
# Annual Session

OF THE

# Lower Mayo
# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## *The Church at*
## *Mayodan*

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, MAYODAN, N. C.

OCTOBER 4, 5, 6,

1963

Next session convenes with Russell Creek Church, located in Patrick County, Va. on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1964, continuing three days.
Russell Creek Church is located about ten miles south of Stuart, Va., and about one-half mile east of Hwy. 8, just north of the Virginia and North Carolina line. Coming from the east, follow Hwy. 87 to Reidsville. Take Hwy. 65 out of Reidsville, follow to junction 704. Follow 704 to 8, turn right, follow pointer. Coming from the south, follow Hwy 220 to Hwy 704. Turn left on 704 and proceed as above.

## OFFICERS

ELDER J G. GARDNER - Moderator, Stoneville, N. .C
ELDER S. L. GILBERT .............................................. Clerk
P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C.; Ph. 767-0917
DEACON J. B. HUTCHINS - Ass't Clerk, Stuart, Va.

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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT MAYODAN, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, MAYODAN, N. C.

## OCTOBER 4, 5, 6, 1963.

FRIDAY MORNING—October 4, 1963

After praise and prayer by Elder Lane Horn, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. H. Freeman, text Gen. 22:1-12, followed by Elder W. J. Puckett, text Rom. 1:8.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers composing the Association, together with messengers and visitors from sister associations, met in the house and the Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder Grady Cox.

1. Letters from the several churches were called for and read. On motion and carried, the letters be received and the messengers seated and their names be enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. The Association elected Elder James G. Gardner Moderator, Elder S. L. Gilbert Clerk and Deacon J. B. Hutchins Assistant Clerk.

4. Omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: Deacons H. L. Shelton and Troy Flinchum.

Arrangements: Messengers of Mayodan Church, together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Distribute Minutes: Elder S. J. Corn and Brother Winfred Young.

6. Called for messengers and visitors from sister associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Elder Johnny Jarrell, Sister Alma Jarrell and others.

Black Creek: Brother Stevens and wife, and Sister Maggie Carraway.

Blue Ridge: Elders H. D. Prillaman, Frank Pegram, Emmett Stone and others.

Elkhorn: Elder W. E. Branch, Brother J. E. Lawless and wife.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin and wife, Brethren Wallace Oakley and wife, Bernard Whitfield and others.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. C. Dunbar and wife, Elder Troy Hill and wife, Elder Roy Flippin and wife, Brother Ed Key and wife, Elder Carl Newman and wife and others.

Little River: Brother E. B. Pearce and wife.

Mill Branch: Elder H. G. Cox, Elder Lane Horn, and Sister Louise Wright.

Mates Creek: Elders Richard Keesee and Charley Whitt, Brethren N. E. Stanley and wife and John L. Sullivan.

New River: Elder G. P. Harris and wife, Early Harris and wife, Early Quesenberry and wife and Sister Nannie Phillips.

Salem: Elders A. B. Barham, Harry Dagenhart, Clifton Farmer and others.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes.

Independent Churches:

Banister Springs: Elder M. C. Merrick, Brother Martin and wife, Sister Dalton and Sister Wilson.

Mewborns Church: Minutes.

Rock Hill: Brother Northern Trogdon and wife and Brother Willie Trogdon.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondence and visitors.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30.

SATURDAY—October 5, 1963

The Association met according to previous arrangement and was opened by song and prayer by Elder S. L. Gilbert.

9. Called for messengers who visited sister associations.

10. On motion and carried the report be received and those who could not attend be excused.

11. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Dacon H. L. Shelton, Elders J. G. Gardner, Jack Pulliam and S. L. Gilbert.

Bear Creek: Elder Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett and S. L. Gilbert.

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Seven Mile: Elders Lester Stewart, W. J. Puckett, Jack Pulliam, and Deacon H. L. Shelton.

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12. On motion and carried the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried that the sum of $37.50 the Clerk has be turned over to the Finance Committee.

14. On motion and carried the Clerk be given the sum of $70.00 for printing and mailing the minutes.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried that the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed.

17. The Finance Committee was called on to report. The report was received, and the committee ordered held until the close of the Association Sunday.

18. On motion and carried that the next Association be held with the Church of Russell Creek located in Patrick County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1964 and continuing three days.

19. Resolved that we return thanks to our heavenly Father for His wonderful love wherewith He has loved us, and for the precious blessing in enabling us by His grace to meet with the

precious saints from the different parts of this land, and sitting together in love, peace and sweet fellowship of Christ the Savior, with minds and hearts of one accord. We also thank the brethren, sisters and friends, for their kindness in preparing for the sitting of this Association.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Dismissed by Elder L. P. Martin.

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator
ELDER S. L. GILBERT, Clerk
DEACON J. B. HUTCHINS, Ass't Clerk

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Received from churches | $276.00 | |
| Received from friends | 48.00 | |
| Balance left in hands of Clerk from last year | 37.60 | $361.60 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | |
| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | $ 70.00 | |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Paid Janitor for service | 20.00 | |
| Allowed visiting ministers | 202.00 | $327.00 |
| Left in hands of Clerk | 34.60 | $361.60 |

## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning, October 4, 1963:**

Praise and prayer by Elder Lane Horne
Introductory Sermon, Elder W. M. Freeman, Gen. 22:1-12
Followed by Elder W. J. Puckett, Rom. 8:1-8

**Friday Evening:**

Elder H. G. Cox, Mark 5:15
Elder G. P. Harris, Good remarks
Elder J. C. Dunbar, Excused himself
Elder S. T. Atkinson, Eph. 3:1
Elder Lane Horne, no special text
Dismissed by song and prayer, by Elder G. P. Harris

**Saturday Morning, October 5, 1963**

Praise and prayer by Elder S. L. Gilbert
Elder Richard Keesee, Phili. 2:9
Elder Layton Wingfield, Zach. 13:1
Elder H. D. Prilliman, failed to get text
Elder Harry Dagenhart, "Man born of woman," etc.

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder Ed Hall, Excused himself
Elder L. P. Martin, "O how gracious Thy goodness," etc.
Brother Ball, failed to get text

Elder Emmett Stone, Isa. 53:1-5
Dismissed by song and prayer by Elder Charley Whitt

**Sunday Morning, October 6, 1963:**

Praise and prayer by Brother Perdue
Elder Charley Whitt, John 5:25
Elder Roy Flippin, No special text
Elder Clifton Farmer, "According as He has chosen," etc.
Elder Johnny Jarrell, no special text

**Sunday Evening:**

Elder W. E. Branch, no special text
Elder M. C. Merrick, Isa. 28:16
Elder Carl Newman, excused himself
Elder A. B. Barham, good remarks
Elder Troy Hill, dismissed by song and prayer

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| Ridgeway ...... | Sister Hilda Moseley, E. G. Clark, Bro. Marvin & Sister E. Wilson alt. | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 7 | 27.00 |
| Goodwill ........ | L. G. Stewart, N. G. Hutchins, Homer Minter, J. M. Thomas, alt. ...... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 34 | 26.50 |
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* Macedonia meets at 2 p. m. on Sunday.

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# Minutes

OF THE

## Thirty-Second
## Annual Session

OF THE

# Lower Mayo
# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

*The Church at*
*Russell Creek*
PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
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### OFFICERS

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# Proceedings

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FRIDAY MORNING—October 2, 1964

After praise and prayer by Elder B. L. Godwin, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. J. Puckett, text Eccl. 3:14, etc. Followed by Elder R. D. Bell, no special text. Followed by Elder R. L. Dalton, no special text.

After an intermission of about one hour the association met in the house, together with messengers and visitors of sister associations and the association was opened by song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

1. Letters from the several churches were called for and read. On motion and carried the letters were received and the messengers seated, and their names enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. The association elected Elder James G. Gardner, Moderator; Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk; and Deacon J. B. Hutchins, Assistant Clerk.

4. Omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: H. L. Shelton and Winfred Young.

Arrangements: Messengers of this Church together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Distribution of Minutes: Elder N. G. Hutchins and H. E. Wood.

6. Called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson and wife, Elder W. E. Staley, Brethren C. C. Gallimore and wife, Northern Trogdon and wife and Jesse Trogdon, others.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Black Creek: Minutes.

Blue Ridge: Elders Harvey Prilliman, Frank Pegram, Benny

Clifton, Emmett Stone, Charley Pardue and others.

Elkhorn: Sister Maggie Priddy.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin and wife, Brethren Ed Owens, Wallace Oakley, Ralph Norris and wife and many others.

Laurel Springs: Elder J. C. Dunbar and wife, Brethren Jess Edwards, E. G. McKinney and others.

Little River: Elder Floyd Adams and wife, Brethren E. B. Pierce and wife, J. W. Phillips.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Mates Creek: Elders Richard Keesee, Charley Whitt, John L. Sullivan and wife, N. E. Stanley and wife.

New River: Brethren R. W. Simpkins, C. C. Simpkins, Early Harris and wife and others.

Salem: Elder G. W. Hill, Brother Set Biggs and wife and others.

Seven Mile: Elder B. L. Godwin and wife, Sister Jada Morgan, Brother Alonzo Barefoot and wife.

White Oak: J. B. Huffman and wife.

Independent Churches:

Bannister Springs: Elder M. C. Merrick and others.

Mewborns: Minutes.

Hopewell, California: A. M. Tipton and wife.

Little Flock, Calif.: Elder J. R. Jefferson and wife.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30.

## SATURDAY MORNING—October 3, 1964

The Association met according to previous arrangement, and was opened by song and prayer by Elder B. H. Martin.

9. Called for messengers who visited sister associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received, and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:

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White Oak: Elder A. A. Doss.

12. On motion and carried the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried that the sum of $34.60 the Clerk has be turned over to the Finance Committee.

14. On motion and carried the Clerk be given the sum of $70.00 for printing and mailing minutes.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed.

17. The Finance Committee was called on to report: The report was received.

18. On motion and carried that the next association be held with Ridgeway Church, at Ridgeway, Virginia, in Henry County on highway 220.

19. Resolved that we return our humble thanks to the heavenly Father for His mercy and lovingkindness given us in His Son, and we hope our Savior; has once more blessed us to meet and by His grace to honor and praise His Holy Name, and thanking Him for the presence of so many of our precious kindred in Christ the Redeemer. God be with you all till we

**meet again.**

**20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Dismissed by Elder G. W. Hill.**

**ELDER JAMES G. GARNER, Moderator**
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## FINANCIAL REPORT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from churches | $301.32 | |
| In hands of Clerk | 34.60 | |
| Received from friends | 20.00 | $355.92 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | $ 70.00 | |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Gave visiting ministers | 209.00 | |
| Balance in hand of Clerk | 41.82 | $355.92 |

## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning, October 2, 1964:**
Praise and prayer by Elder B. L. Godwin
Introductory Sermon, Eld. W. J. Puckett, Eccl. 3:14, etc.
Elder R. D. Bell, no special text
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**Friday Evening:**
Elder Harvey Prilliman, excused himself.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, "My gospel shall be preached," etc.
Elder Layton Wingfield, Eph. 2:19, 20
Elder B. H. Martin, excused himself.
Dismissed by song and prayer, Elder B. L. Godwin.

**Saturday Morning, October 3, 1964:**
Song and prayer by Elder Ben Martin.
Elder Bennie Clifton, excused himself.
Elder L. T. Martin, Psa. 1:1-3
Elder G. W. Hill, 1 Cor. 15:10
Elder B. L. Godwin, "Go ye into all the world, etc."

**Saturday Evening:**
Elder Harvey Prilliman, Psa. 1
Elder Richard Keesee, John 1:1, 2, 3
Elder J. C. Dunbar, Gen. 2:1, etc.
Elder Thomas Brammer, Psa. 121:1-28
Elder Frank Pegram, excused himself
Dismissed by song and prayer by Brother Leonard Cassell

**Sunday Morning, October 4, 1964:**
Praise and prayer by Elder Hassell Freeman.
Elder J. R. Jefferson, no special text
Elder Charley Whitt, Heb. 8:9
Elder W. E. Staley, Rev. 21:1, 2, 3

**Sunday Evening:**
Elder Floyd Adams, Clerk failed to record text
Elder M. C. Merrick, "I am set in the defense of the Gospel."
Dismissed by song and prayer by Elder Floyd Adams.

## ELDERS OF LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| James Gardner | Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| L. G. Stewart | Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. | 1959 |
| A. A. Doss | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Willie Booth | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| Jack Pulliam | Spray, N. C. | 1930 |
| S. L. Gilbert | P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. J. Corn | Stuart, Va. | 1961 |
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| W. J. Puckett | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |

## CLERKS, ADDRESSES, No. MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: 50 Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in Aug.
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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LOWER MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH OF RIDGEWAY, RIDGEWAY, VIRGINIA, HENRY COUNTY, OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, 1965.

FRIDAY MORNING—October 1, 1965

After praise and prayer by Elder B. L. Godwin, the Introductory was preached by Elder J. G. Gardner, text Isa. 40: 28, 29, 30, 31. He was followed by Elder Hassel Freeman, no special text, but good remarks. He was followed by Elder R. D. Bell. No special text. Good remarks.

After an intermission of one hour, the association met in the house, together with messengers and visitors, and the association was opened with song and prayer by Elder Paul Lamm.

1. Letters from the several churches were called for and read. On motion and carried the letters were received, and the messengers seated, and their names enrolled in our statistical table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the association elected Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator, Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk. Brother J. B. Hutchins, Assistant Clerk, requested that he be relieved of those duties due to his health. His request was accepted with regret. On motion and carried, Brother Winfred Young was elected Assistant Clerk.

4. Omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried, that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: H. L. Shelton and Brother Troy Hutchins.

Arrangements: Brother Marvin Hodge, Charley Moore, Frank Wood, together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Distribution of Minutes: Elder W. J. Puckett, Brother H. E. Wood.

6. Called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson and wife, Elder Calvin Harward, Brother Bird and wife, Sister Sylvia Snyder.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Black Creek: Elder Paul Lamm, Brethren George Pridgen, Williamsson, J. B. Pittman and wife, A. B. C. Lamm and wife, and many others.

Blue Ridge: Elders Harvey Prillaman, Ben Martin and wife, Benny Clifton and wife, Emmett Stone and many others.

Elkhorn: Elder W. E. Branch and wife.

Lower Country Line: Elders L. P. Martin, Charley Thomas, Brother Garrett and wife and others.

Laurel Springs: Elders Troy Hill and wife, Carl Newman and wife, Ed Hall and Sister Melton.

Little River: Elders Floyd Adams and wife, W. D. Barber, Brother Allen Johnson, E. B. Pearce and wife, Lester Thompson.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Mates Creek: Brother N. E. Stanley and wife, Sister Alice Hatfield, others.

New River: Brethren J. D. Wade, Early Harris and wife, R. W. Simpkins, and others.

Salem: Elders G. W. Hill, Harry Dagenhart, Brethren H. A. Tate and wife, Seth Biggs and wife and others.

Seven Mile: Elder B. L. Godwin and wife, Sister Jada Morgan, others.

White Oak: On motion and carried that we not seat White Oak at this session.

Bannister Springs: Elder M. C. Merricks and others.

Mewborn's Church: Elder J. M. Mewborn.

Hopewell:

Little Flock:

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30.

SATURDAY MORNING: October 2, 1965.

The association met according to previous arrangement and was opened by song and prayer by Elder Ben Martin.

9. Called for messengers who visited sister associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received, and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert and J. G. Gardner.

Bear Creek: Elder W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert and C. C. Biggs.

Black Creek: Elder W. J. Puckett, Henry Shelton and S. L. Gilbert.

Blue Ridge: Elder S. J. Corn, Elder A. A. Doss and Brother Homer Minter.

Elkhorn: Elder W. J. Puckett and Henry Shelton.

Laurel Springs: Elder W. J. Puckett and Brother Henry Shelton.

Lower Country Line: Elders W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert, and J. G. Gardner.

Little River: Elders A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, Henry Shelton, J. G. Gardner and S. L. Gilbert.

Mates Creek: Brother Henry Shelton and Elder W. J. Puckett.

Mill Branch: Brother Henry Shelton, Elders W. J. Puckett, H. Freeman, J. H. Gardner, Elder S. L. Gilbert.

New River: Elders A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett and Brother Henry Shelton.

Seven Mile: Brother Henry Shelton and Elder W. J. Puckett.

Salem: Elders A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett, J. G. Gardner, and Brother Henry Shelton.

12. On motion and carried the clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried that the sum of $44.87 be turned over to the Finance Committee.

14. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the sum of $70.00 for the printing and mailing of the minutes.

15. On motion and carried that the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried that the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed.

17. The Finance Committee was called on to report. The report was received.

18. On motion and carried that the next association be held with the Church of Goodwill.

19. Resolved that we humbly thank the heavenly Father for

His love, mercy and tender care, having thus blessed us to meet together, with our kindred in Christ, in peace and sweet fellowship one with the other. Also thanking the many friends who so ably assisted us during the sitting of this association. We thank the school board for their kindness in allowing us the use of the school building; also Mr. Pilson the principal, for his efforts to provide for our comfort, and the Janitor for his kind assistance. And we are thankful for the many ministerial gifts sent our way.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

Dismissed by Elder L. P. Martin.

ELDER JAMES G. GARDNER, Moderator
ELDER SAM GILBERT, Clerk
BROTHER WINFRED YOUNG, Ass't Clerk

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## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning, October 1, 1965:**

Praise and prayer by Elder B. L. Godwin
Introductory Sermon, Elder J. G. Gardner, Isa. 40:28, 29, 30, 31
Elder Hassel Freeman, no special text
Elder R. D. Bell, no special text.

**Friday Evening:**

Elder J. M. Mewborn, 13:7, 8 etc.
Elder T. F. Adams, Rev. 22:24
Elder S. T. Atkinson, excused himself.
Closed by song and prayer by Elder Charlie Thomas

**Saturday Morning, October 2, 1965:**

Elder Harry Dagenhart, Job 14: Man that is born of woman, etc.
Elder Benny Clifton, excused himself.
Elder Leonard Cassell, Eccl. 12:13
Elder Calvin Harward, Matt. 5:14, 15, 16
Elder Harvey Prillaman, excused himself.
Elder L. P. Martin, S of S 2:4
Elder G. W. Hill, 1st Cor. 2:2

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder Ed Hall, 1st Hebrews
Elder B. L. Godwin, John 1:1, 2, 3
Elder M. C. Merrick, 2 Thess. 2:7
Elder Frank Pegram, no special text.
Dismissed by Elder Hassell Freeman.

**Sunday Morning, October 3, 1965:**

Praise and prayer by Elder W. D. Barber
Elder W. E. Branch, no special text.
Elder Troy Hill, no special text.
Elder Carl Newman, no special text

Brother John Cobb, Matt. 19, 11.
Brother J. D. Wade, Clerk failed to get text.

**Sunday Evening:**

Elder W. D. Barber, Joh. 24:13
Brother Allen Johnson, failed to get text
Elder Thomas Brammer, Isa. 51; Luke 12
Dismissed by Brother Charley Coalson

## FINANCIAL REPORT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from churches | $330.25 | |
| In hands of Clerk | 44.87 | |
| Received from friends | 64.00 | $439.12 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Paid janitor service | $20.00 | |
| Donated for use of building | 10.00 | |
| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | 70.00 | |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Gave visiting ministers | 277.00 | |
| Balance in hands of Clerk | 27.12 | $439.12 |

## ELDERS OF LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| L. G. Stewart | Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. | 1959 |
| A. A. Doss | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Willie Booth | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| Jack Pulliam | Spray, N. C. | 1930 |
| S. L. Gilbert | P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. J. Corn | Stuart, Va. | 1961 |
| R. D. Bell | Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| N. G. Hutchins | Stoneville, N. C. | 1961 |
| W. H. Freeman | Rt. 1, Box 72, Tabor City, N. C. | 1932 |
| W. J. Puckett | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| James Gardner | Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |

## CLERKS, ADDRESSES, No. MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: 50 Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in Aug.
Pleasant Grove: 50. J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in Sept.
Mayodan: 50. Henry Shelton, Rt. 7, Reidsville, N. C. 3rd in May, Oct.
Russell Creek: 40. Addie Smith, Stuart, Va. First Sunday in August.
Ridgeway: 25. Hilda Mosely, Rt. 4, Box 108, Martinsville, Va.; First Sunday in June.
Macedonia: 50. T. D. Flinchum, Rt. 2, Box 104 Leaksville, N. C. Fourth Sunday in May and September.
Aaron Fork: 40. Winfred Young, Lawsonville, N. C. 3rd in Aug.
Goodwill: 50. Montague Thomas, Rt. 1, Leaksville, N. C. 1st in July.
Draper: 25. George Harris, Rt. 1, Draper, N. C. 2nd Sun. in Oct.
Matrimony: 40. Mabel Rhodes, Stoneville, N. C. 2nd Sun in July.

## ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

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|---|---|
| Abbotts Creek: Eld. Calvin Harward, Rt. 7, Box 901, Sanford, N. C. | 30 |
| Bear Creek: T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 403, Monroe, N. C. | 20 |
| Black Creek: L. G. Brantly, Spring Hope, N. C. | 20 |
| Blue Ridge: Noel Tilley, Rt. 1, Box 350, Fieldale, Va. | 20 |

Elkhorn: Elder W. E. Branch, Rt. 1, Box 312, Chilhowie, Va. .... 20
Laurel Springs: George Fulk, Pilot Mountain, N. C. .................... 20
Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. ..... 20
Little River: C. L. Ogburn, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C. ........ 20
Mill Branch: E L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C. .................... 20
Mates Creek: N. E. Stanley, Box 193, Hardy, Ky. ........................ 20
New River: Elder J. S. Sechriest, 1934 Welch Rd. Mt. Airy, N. C. 20
Salem: Eld. A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. ... 20
Seven Mile: Elder B. L. Godwin, Box 96, Coats, N. C. ................. 20

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the Rules of this Decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After which any messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power. justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional an the part of the creature.

4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death; and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse he call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His grace, shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is indendent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no ministers have a righte to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things what soever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (Thess. 1:4, 5; 2 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5, 6,) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS | Sun. of Meeting | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Restored to Fel. | Rec'd by Relation | Dis'd by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Tot. Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Goodwill | Brethren H. Minter, N. G. Hutchins, J. M. Thomas, Willie Cassell, alt. | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 34 | $37.00 |
| Macedonia | Brethren T. D. Flinchum, E. M. Hopkins, Sister Myrtle Hall, Sister Bessie Clark, alt. | 4 | | | | | | | 1 | 14 | 32.00 |
| Aaron Fork | Deacon Noah Lawson, Bro. Zeb Mabe, Bro. Will Stevens, Deacon Charlie Moor, alt. | 3 | | | | | | | 2 | 29 | 28.00 |
| Spoon Creek | Deacons H. E. Wood, C. C. Biggs, Brother Frank Wood, Charlie Stowe, alt. | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | 32 | 35.00 |
| Matrimony | Bro. Jimmy Martin, Sister Annie Martin, Sister Annie Oakley, Elder J. G. Gardner, alt. | 2 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 18 | 53.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | Deacons J. B. Hutchins, J. T. Manring, Sisters Trudie Bullins, Lillian Manring, alt. | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | 22 | 25.00 |
| Draper | Bro. Geo. Harris, Eld. L. L. Cassell, Sisters Bertie Bolt, and Lessie Saunders, alt. | 4 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 18 | 35.00 |
| Mayodan | Deacon H. L. Shelton, Elds. W. J. Puckett, Willie Booth, Brother Billie Paine, alt. | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 38 | 36.25 |
| Russell Creek | Deacon Troy Hutchins, Eld. S. J. Corns, Sister Rena Hutchins, Eld. S. L. Gilbert, alt. | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 10 | 18.00 |
| Ridgeway | Sister Hilda Moseley, Elder R. D. Bell, Brother Marvin Hodge, Brother Grady Clark, alt. | 1 | | | | | | | | 9 | 30.00 |

# Minutes

OF THE

## Thirty-Fourth
## Annual Session

OF THE

# Lower Mayo
# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

*The Church of*
*Goodwill*

HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1, AND 2,

1966

Next session to convene with Macedonia Church, Rockingham County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1967.

## OFFICERS

ELDER J. G. GARDNER - Moderator, Stoneville, N. C.
ELDER S. L. GILBERT - Clerk, P. O. Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Ph. 767-0917
WINFRED YOUNG - Assistant Clerk, Lawsonville, N. C.

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## SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1, AND 2, 1966

FRIDAY MORNING—September 30, 1966

After praise and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson, the introductory was preached by Elder L. G. Stewart, text Heb. 1: 1, 2, 3, etc. followed by Elder A. A. Doss, text: "In this world ye shall have trials and tribulations, etc.

After an intermission of one hour the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors. The association was opened by song and prayer by Elder Ben Martin.

1. Letters were called for from the several churches and read. On motion and carried the letters were received and the messengers seated, and their names were enrolled in our statistical table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the association elected Elder J. G. Gardner Moderator. On motion and carried elected Elder S. L. Gilbert Clerk and Brother Winfred Young Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried that reading the rules of decorum be omitted.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: H. L. Shelton and H. E. Wood.

Arrangements: Elder W. J. Puckett, Billy Cassell, Troy Flinchum, together with messengers of Goodwill Church, Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

6. Called for correspondents and visitors from Sister Associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Brother Lovill, Elder Staley and wife, Northern Trogdon and wife, C. C. Gallimore and wife, others.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Black Creek: Brother Pittman and wife, Brother Holland and wife, Brother Murray.

Blue Ridge: Elder Ben Martin, Layton Wingfield, C. P. Perdue, Geo. Jamison and others.

Elkhorn: Minutes.

Lower Country Line: Elders L. T. Martin and wife, Charley Thomas and others.

Laurel Springs: Elder Ed Hall. Brother Vestal Beasley and wife and others.

Little River: Elders T. F. Adams, S. J. Sauls, Allen Johnson and many others.

Mill Branch: Brother Leaman Grainger and wife.

New River: Brother E. W. Harris and wife, Brother Phillips and wife, Brother Duncan and others.

Mates Creek: Elder Charley Whitt and others.

Salem: Elder G. W. Hill, J. H. Owens and wife, Sister Ollie Neal and others.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

White Oak: Brethren Hassell Jones, Johnny Horn, B. Sheppard, Ernest Davis and wife.

Independent Churches:

Bannister Springs: Elders M. C. Merricks, Melvin Shelton, others.

Mewborns Church:

Hopewell:

Little Flock:

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30.

SATURDAY MORNING—October 1, 1966

The Association met according to previous arrangement and was opened by song and prayer by Elder G. W. Hill.

9. Called for messengers who visited sister associations.

10. On motion and iarried the report was received, and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders W. J. Puckett, Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert and Brother Henry Shelton.

Black Creek: Elders W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert and Brother H. L. Shelton.

Blue Ridge: Elders A. A. Doss, Brethren Homer Minter and Willie Cassell.

Bear Creek: Elders W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert and Brother Henry Shelton.

Elkhorn: Elder W. J. Puckett and H. L. Shelton.

Laurel Springs: Elders A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett and Henry Shelton.

Lower Country Line: Elders J. G. Gardner, A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert and H. L. Shelton.

Little River: Elders J. G. Gardner, Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert and Henry Shelton.

Mates Creek: Elder W. J. Puckett and H. L. Shelton.

Mill Branch: Elder W. J. Puckett and Brother Henry Shelton.

New River: Elders A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett and Brother Willie Cassell. Seven Mile: Elders W. J. Puckett, A. A. Doss and Brother Henry Shelton.

Salem: Elders A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett, J. G. Gardner, and S. L. Gilbert.

White Oak: Elders S. L. Gilbert, W. J. Puckett, A. A. Doss, Brehren Willie Cassell and H. L. Shelton.

12. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried that the sum of $27.12 be turned over to the finance committee.

14. On motion and carried the clerk be given the sum of $70.00 for printing and mailing the minutes.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed.

17. The finance committee was called on to report: the report was received and the committee ordered held until the close of the association Sunday.

18. On motion and carried the next association be held with the Church at Macedonia, Rockingham County, North Carolina.

19. Resolved that we humbly thank the heavenly Father for

His love, mercy and tender care, having thus blessed us to meet together, with our kindred in Christ, in peace and sweet fellowship one with the other. Also thanking the many friends who so ably assisted us during the sitting of this association. We are thankful for the many ministerial gifts sent our way.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Dismissed by Elder L. T. Martin.

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator
S. L. GILBERT, Clerk
WINFRED YOUNG, Assistant Clerk

## ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning—September 30, 1965:
Praise and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson.
Introductory sermon by Elder L. G. Stewtart, Heb. 1, 2, 3
Followed by Elder A. A. Doss, "In this world ye shall have tribulation."

Friday Evening:
Elder S. T. Atkinson, text Rom. 8:1, 2, 3
Elder B. H. Martin, text, "Preach the word."
Dismissed by Elder Jack Pulliam.

Saturday Morning—October 1, 1966:
Praise and prayer by Elder G. W. Hill
Elder C. P. Perdue, No special text.
Elder Ed Hall, No special text.
Elder L. T. Martin, Heb. 4:9
Elder W. E. Staley, "In the year king Uzziah died," etc.
Elder T. F. Adams, John 14:1, 2, 3, etc.

Saturday Evening:
Elder Harvey Prillaman, Excused himself.
Elder Leonard Cassell, Rom. 3:1, 2.
Elder G. W. Hill, Heb. 8
Elder Charley Thomas, "The whole need not a physician,"
Dismissed by Elder T. F. Adams.

Sunday Morning—October 2, 1966:
Praise and prayer by Elder Allen Johnson.
Elder M. C. Merricks. "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people," etc.
Elder Charley Whitt, St. John 1:9
Elder S. J. Sauls, Job 1
Elder Allen Johnson, Mtt. 6

Sunday Evening:
Elder Melvin Shelton, Behold what manner of love
Brother John Cobb, No special text.
Elder Layton Wingfield, 1 Kings, 5
Dismissed by Elder Charley Thomas.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from Churches | $366.00 | |
| Received from friends | 41.00 | |
| Balance in hands of Clerk | 27.12 | $434.12 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Paid janitor for services | $ 25.00 | |
| Paid School Board for use of building | 10.00 | |
| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | 70.00 | |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Gave visiting ministers | 188.00 | $328.00 |
| Balance in hands of Clerk | $106.12 | $434.12 |

## ELDERS OF LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| A. A. Doss, | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Willie Booth, | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| Jack Pulliam, | Spray, N. C. | 1930 |
| S. L. Gilbert, | P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. J. Corn, | Stuart, Va. | 1961 |
| R. D. Bell, | Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| N. G. Hutchins, | Stoneville, N. C. | 1961 |
| W. H. Freeman, | Rt. 1, Box 72, Tabor City, N. C. | 1932 |
| W. J. Puckett, | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| James Gardner, | Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| L. G. Stewart, | Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. | 1959 |

## CLERKS, ADDRESSES, No. MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: 50 Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in Aug.
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OF THE

## Thirty-Fifth

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OF THE

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# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## *The Church of Macedonia*

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ELDER J. G. GARDNER - Moderator, Stoneville, N. C.
ELDER S. L. GILBERT - Clerk, P. O. Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Ph. 767-0917
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FRIDAY—September 29, 1967

After praise and prayer by Elder W. B. Aaron, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. A. Doss, text John 1:27. Followed by Elde R. D. Bell. No special text.

After an intermission of one hour, the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors. The association was opened by song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

1. Letters were called from the several churches and read. On motion and carried the letters were received and the messengers seated and their names enrolled in our statistical table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the association elected Elder J. G. Gardner Moderator and Sam L. Gilbert Clerk; Winfred Young Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: Deacon H. L. Shelton and A. A. Doss.

Arrangements: Deacon C. C. Biggs, Elder S. J. Corn, W. J. Puckett, Troy Flinchum, together with the Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

6. Called for correspondence from sister associations.

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Lower Country Line: Elders Charley Thomas, L. P. Martin and wife, Ralph Norris and wife and others.

Laurel Springs: Elders Ed Hall, Carl Newman and wife, Troy Hill and wife, Sid Bunn and wife, and others.

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Salem: Elders G. W. Hill and wife, Burch Wray, Clifton Farmer and others.

Seven Mile: Brethren Corby Johnson, Alonza Barefoot and wife.

White Oak: Elder Arthur Young and wife.

Independent Churches:

Bannister Springs: Elders Merricks, Melvin Shelton and others.

Mewborns Church: Elder J. M. Mewborn.

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Hopewell:

Little Flock:

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed by Elder T. F. Adams.

SATURDAY MORNING—September 30, 1967

The Association met according to previous arrangements, and was opened by song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

9. Called for messengers who visited sister associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert, and Deacon H. E. Shelton.

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12. On motion and carried the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried the sum of $106.12 be turned over to Finance Committee.

14. On motion and carried the sum of $70.00 be given the Clerk for printing and mailing the minutes.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed.

17. The Finance Committee was called on to report. The report was received and the committee was ordered held until the close of the Association Sunday.

18. On motion and carried the next Association of the Lower Mayo Association will be held with the Church of Aaron Fork in Patrick County Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1968.

19. Resolved that we thank our heavenly Father for His wondrous love and mercies and by His grace enabled us once more to meet in peace and love and fellowship with one another at home and our dear brethren and sisters from our corresponding associations. We thank the Rockingham School

Board for the use of the school auditorium, the principal for his kindness and considerate efforts for our comfort, the janitor for all his labor and efforts in our behalf. We also thank the brethren, sisters and friends for all that they did in preparing for the welfare and comfort of the brethren and sisters during the sitting of this Association. O Father, in the Name of Thy Son and we hope our Redeemer, keep us by Thy grace till we meet again.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Dismissed by Elder G. W. Hill.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday, September 29, 1967:**
Praise and prayer by Elder W. B. Aaron
Introductory sermon Elder A. A. Doss, text: John 1:27
Followed by Elder R. D. Bell, no special text

**Friday Evening:**
Elder W. B. Aaron, "Hope"
Elder T. F. Adams, Isa. 55:1
Elder J. M. Mewborn, "The word your God will stand forever."
Elder W. C. Edwards, Matt. 28:1
Elder S. T. Atkinson, "What was written before time was written for our learning."
Dismissed by Elder Charley Thomas

**Saturday Morning, September 30, 1967:**
Praise and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin
Elder C. P. Perdue, no special text
Elder Charley Thomas, no special text
Elder Clifton Farmer, "I am the way the truth and the life."
Elder Burch Wray, no special text
Elder L. P. Martin, Phili. 1:17

**Saturday Evening:**
Elder Harvey Prilliman, excused himself
Elder Frank Pegram, no special text
Elder Calvin Harward, Jer. 1:5-8
Elder G. W. Hill, good remarks
Elder Tommy Brammer, Corinthians 2:1, 2, 4

**Sunday Morning, October 1, 1967:**
Praise and prayer by Elder Everett Holland
Elder Charley Whitt, John 10:27, etc.
Elder Jacob Mosely, no special text
Elder H. A. Young, "Not the Light," etc.
Elder Carl Newman, excused himself
Elder Sid Bunn, no special text
Elder Emmett Stone, Isa. 53:1

**Sunday Evening:**
Elder Troy Hill, no special text
Elder Melvin Shelton: "Then that are led by the Spirit."
Brother J. M. Stevens, no special text
Elder G. W. Hill, "For in that day a song shall be sung."
Dismissed by Elder Jack Pulliam.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Received from Churches | $384.35 | |
| Balance in hand of Clerk | 106.12 | |
| Received from friends | 69.50 | $559.97 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | |
| Donated for use of school auditorium, janitor service | $40.00 | |
| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | 70.00 | |
| Donated to Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Donated to Clerk | 20.00 | |
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| Donated to visiting ministers | 242.00 | $387.00 |
| Balance on deposit in the First Union Bank in Winston-Salem, N. C. | $172.97 | $559.97 |

## ELDERS OF LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| **Name** | **Address** | **Date of Ordination** |
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| **Willie Booth** | **Madison, N. C.** | **1951** |
| **Jack Pulliam** | **Spray, N. C.** | **1930** |
| **S. L. Gilbert** | **P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C.** | **1943** |
| S. J. Corn | Stuart, Va. | **1961** |
| R. D. Bell | Mayodan, N. C. | **1939** |
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| W. H. Freeman | Rt. 1, Box 72, Tabor City, N. C. | **1932** |
| **W. J. Puckett** | **Pine Hall, N. C.** | **1940** |
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| Matrimony | Brother Jimmie Martin, Brother Elijah Stowe, Sister Anne Martin, Elder J. G. Gardner, alt. | 2 | 1 | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 19 | 106.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | J. T. Manring, O. B. Gilley, J. B. Hutchins, R. L. Stowe, alt. | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 20 | 24.00 |
| Draper | Thomas Pulliam, Grady Clark, Deacon George C. Harris, Sister Mattie McDaniel, alt. | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 16 | 35.00 |
| Mayodan | Deacon H. I. Shelton, Elder W. J. Puckett, Brother Rondle Saunders, Sister Lillie Shelton, alt. | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 36 | 37.35 |
| Russell Creek | Deacon Troy Hutchins, Elder S. J. Corn, Brother Richard Willis, Sister Addie Smirh, alt. | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 11 | 22.00 |
| Ridgeway | Sister Hilda Moseley, Brother Marvin Hodge, Elder R. D. Bell, Brother Bill Edwards, alt. | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 8 | 25.00 |
| Goodwill | Elders L. G. Stewart, A. A. Doss, Deacon Homer Minter, Willie Cassell, alt. | 1 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 40 | 40.00 |
| Macedonia | Deacon Troy Flinchum, Sister Myrtle Hall, Sister Bessie Clark, Sister Erma Flinchum, alt. | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 14 | 35.00 |

# *Minutes*

OF THE

## Thirty-Sixth

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Lower Mayo

# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## *The Church of*
## *Aaron's Fork*

SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 4, 5, 6,

1968

**Next session will be held at the Church at Spoon's Creek, Patrick County, Va., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1969, 3 miles east of Hwy. 58, near Critz, Va.**

OFFICERS

**ELDER J. G. GARDNER - Moderator, Stoneville, N. C.**
**ELDER S. L. GILBERT - Clerk, P. O. Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Ph. 767-0917**
**WINFRED YOUNG - Assistant Clerk, Lawsonville, N. C.**

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# *Proceedings*

## Of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, Held With the Church of Aaron's Fork, Surry County, North Carolina, October 4, 5, 6, 1968.

FRIDAY MORNING—October 4, 1968

After prayer and praise by Elder Garland Payne, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Jack Pulliam, text Eph. 1:4.

After an intermission of one hour, the association met in the house, together with messengers and visitors. The association was opened by song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

1. Letters were called for from the several churches and read. On motion and carried the letters were received and the messengers seated, and their names enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the association elected Elder J. G. Garner Moderator, Elder S. L. Gilbert Clerk and Brother Winfred Young Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: Jimmie Martin and H. E. Wood.

Distribute minutes: Elder S. J. Corn and Brother Grady Clark.

Arrangements: Troy Hutchins, J. B. Hutchins, C. C. Moore, Will Bryant, together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

6. Called for correspondence from sister associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elders S. T. Atkinson and James Moody, others.

Bear Creek:

Black Creek: Brother Paul Caraway and wife.

Blue Ridge: Elders, B. H. Martin and wife, Layton Wingfield and wife, Calvert Fulcher, Bennie Clifton and wife, L. L. Cassell and wife, Emmet Stone, and others.

Lower Country Line: Elders L. P. Martin and wife, Jack Hawkins and wife, Ralph Norris and wife, Everette Oakley and wife, others.

Laurel Springs: Elders Roy Payne and wife, Garland Payne and wife, Carl Newman and wife, Troy Hill and wife, Sid Bunn and wife, Brethren Geo. Throckmorton, E. M. Shelton, Jim Branch and wife, others.

Little River: Elders T. F. Adams and wife, S. J. Sauls and wife, E. B. Pearce and wife, C. L. Ogburn and wife and others.

Mates Creek: Elder Charley Whitt, R. W. Simpkins, Martin Ball and wife, Sister Lula Stanley.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

New River: Elder J. S. Sechriest, Brethren J. D. Wade, Elbert Kirkman, C. E. Duncan, J. J. Duncan and wife, Early Harris and wife.

Salem: Elders G. W. Hill, Claude Brown, Polo Summers, Seth Biggs and wife, Sister Ollie Neal and others.

Seven Mile: Brother Jackson, Chas. Pratt and wife, and others.

White Oak: Elder H. A. Young and wife, Brother F. Davis.

Independent Churches:

Bannister Springs: Elder Melvin Shelton, others.

Mewborn's:

Newport News Church: Elders Charles Ball and wife, Jacob Mosely, Deacon V. J. Worley.

Glenwood Church: Elder Earnest Branch, Sisters Maggie Briddy, Lawless, and Young.

Hopewell, Calif.:

Little Flock, Calif.:

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondence.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed by Elder T. F. Adams.

SATURDAY MORNING—October 5, 1968

The association met according to previous arrangement.

After praise and prayer by Elder Bennie Clifton proceeded as follows:

9. Called for messengers who visited sister association.

10. On motion and carried the report was received, and those who could not attend were excused.

12. Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, J. G. Gardner and S. L. Gilbert.

Bear Creek: Elders Jack Pulliam, Deacon Henry Shelton, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert.

Black Creek: Elders W. J. Puckett, Jack Pulliam and S. L. Gilbert.

Blue Ridge: Elder W. J. Puckett, S. J. Corn, J. G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert, Deacon Homer Minter and Henry Shelton.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. G. Gardner, Deacon Henry Shelton, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert.

Lower Country Line: Elders J. G. Gardner, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert, Henry Shelton.

Little River: Elders Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, J. G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert, and Deacon Henry Shelton.

Mates Creek: Elders Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, Deacon Henry Shelton.

Mill Branch: Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, Deacon Henry Shelton, S. L. Gilbert.

New River: Elders W. J. Puckett, Richard Willis, S. L. Gilbert, Deacon Henry Shelton.

Salem, N. C.: Elders J. G. Gardner, W. J. Puckett, Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert, Henry Shelton.

Seven Mile: Elders Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert, Deacon Henry Shelton.

White Oak: Elder Jack Pulliam, Deacon Henry Shelton.

12. On motion and carried the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried the sum of $171.02 be turned over to the Finance Committee.

14. On motion and carried the sum of $70.00 be given the Clerk for printing and mailing the minutes.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed.

17. The Finance Committee was called on to report. The report was received and the committee ordered held until the close of the association Sunday.

18. On motion and carried the next association of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, be held with the church at Spoon Creek in Patrick County Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1969 and continuing three days.

19. Resolved.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Dismissed by Elder B. H. Martin.

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## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning, October 4, 1968:**

Prayer and praise, Elder Garland Payne.
Introductory, Elder Jack Pulliam, Eph. 1:4

**Friday Afternoon:**

Elder Floyd Adams, Matt. 11:28, 29, 30
Elder S. T. Atkinson, "The unsearchable riches of Christ."
Elder Jim Moody, No special text.
Elder Garland Payne, Rom. 5:1, 5.
Dismissed by Brother J. D. Wade.

**Saturday Morning, October 5, 1968:**

Praise and prayer by Elder Bennie Clifton.
Elder B. H. Martin, Excused himself.
Elder Charley Whitt, No special text
Elder W. C. Edwards, Psalm 23
Elder Calvin Harward, Gal. 1:16
Elder Jack Hawkins, Excused himself
Elder L. P. Martin, Psalm 138:6, 7, 8

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder G. W. Hill, 61:1
Elder Claude Brown, Acts 15
Elder S. J. Sauls, St. John 8
Elder W. B. Aaron, No special text
Dismissed by Elder G. W. Hill.

**Sunday Morning, October 6, 1968:**

Praise and prayer by Elder Charles Ball.
Elder W. E. Staley, Clerk failed to get text
Elder Arthur Young, "I speak the truth."
Elder W. E. Branch, Gal. 3
Brother Stevens, No special text

**Sunday Evening:**

Elder Carl Newman, Psalm 139
Elder Melvin Shelton, Exodus 18:8, 11
Elder Polo Summers, St. Peter 8:10
Dismissed by Elder Jacob Mosely

## FINANCIAL REPORT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from Churches | $387.00 | |
| Received from friends | 18.00 | |
| Balance, in First Union National Bank | 171.02 | $576.02 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Donated to Aaron Fork Church | $ 10.00 | |
| Allowed Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes | 70.00 | |
| Donated to visiting Ministers | 278.00 | $393.00 |
| Balance in First Union Nat'l Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C. | | $183.02 |

## ELDERS OF LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| S. L. Gilbert | P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C. | 1943 |
| S. J. Corn | Stuart, Va. | 1961 |
| R. D. Bell | Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| N. G. Hutchins | Stoneville, N. C. | 1961 |
| W. H. Freeman | Rt. 1, Box 72, Tabor City, N. C. | 1932 |
| W. J. Puckett | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| James Gardner | Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| L. G. Stewart | Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. | 1959 |
| A. A. Doss | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Rondle Saunders | Eden, N. C. | 1967 |
| Richard D. Willis | Meadow Lane Dr., Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1967 |
| Willie Booth | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| Jack Pulliam | Spray, N. C. | 1930 |

**Licentiates:**

Brother Burnice Taylor

## CLERKS, ADDRESSES, No. MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: 50 Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in Aug.
Pleasant Grove: 50. J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in Sept.
Mayodan: 50. Henry Shelton, Rt. 7, Reidsville, N. C. 3rd in May, Oct.
Russell Creek: 40. Addie Smith, Stuart, Va. First Sunday in August.
Ridgeway: 25. Hilda Mosely, Rt. 4, Box 108, Martinsville, Va.; First Sunday in June.
Macedonia: 50. T. D. Flinchum, Rt. 2, Box 104 Leaksville, N. C. Fourth Sunday in May and September.
Aaron Fork: 40. Winfred Young, Lawsonville, N. C. 3rd in Aug.
Goodwill: 50. Eld. L. J. Stewart, Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. 1st in July.
Draper: 25. Grady Clark, Rt. 2, Box 76, Eden, N. C. 4th Sun. in Oct.
Matrimony: 40. Mabel Rhodes, Stoneville, N. C. 2nd Sun in July.

## ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Abbotts Creek: Eld. Calvin Harward, Rt. 7, Box 901, Sanford, N. C. 30
Bear Creek: T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 403, Monroe, N. C. ........ 20
Black Creek: L. G. Brantly, Spring Hope, N. C. ........ 20
Blue Ridge: Noel Tilley, Rt. 1, Box 350, Fieldale, Va. ........ 20
Laurel Springs: George Fulk, Pilot Mountain, N. C. ........ 20

Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. ..... 20
Little River: C. L. Ogburn, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C. ........ 20
Mill Branch: M. B. Paul, 703 N. Wilson Dr., Cheraw, S. C. ........... 20
Mates Creek: N. E. Stanley, Box 193, Hardy, Ky. .......................... 20
New River: G. E. Duncan, Rt. 1, Box 346, Radford, Va. ................. 20
Salem: Eld. A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. ... 20
Seven Mile: Carol Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Springlake, N. C. 28390 .. 20
White Oak: M. M. Gray, Rt. 2, Box 224, Jacksonville, N. C. ........ 20

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.
5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.
6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.
7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the Rules of this Decorum.
8. No messenger shall address another in any term or appellation other than the title of brother.
9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.
10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After which any messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.
11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.
3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional an the part of the creature.
4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death; and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.
5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse be call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His grace, shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is indendent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no ministers have a righte to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things what soever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (Thess. 1:4, 5; 2 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5, 6,) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS | Sun. of Meeting | By Exp. & Bap. | Rec'd by Letter | Restored to Fel. | Rec'd by Relation | Dis'd by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Tot. Membership | Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spoon Creek ......... | H. E. Wood, Buddy Crotts, Samuel Wood, Earl Huffman, alt. .......... | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 32 | $33.00 |
| Matrimony .......... | Jimmie Martin, Elijah Stowe, Joel Stowe, Eld. J. G. Gardner, alt. .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 19 | 106.00 |
| Pleasant Grove .. | J. T. Manning, J. B. Hutchins, Lillian Manning, Willie Hawkins, alt. | 3 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 21 | 25.00 |
| Draper .................. | Grady Clark, G. C. Harris, Thomas Pulliam, Mattie McDaniel, alt. .. | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 15 | 30.00 |
| Mayodan .............. | Charlie Hopkins, Elder W. R. Saunders, Veacie Goard, Billie Payne, alt. .................................................. | 3 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 2 | 34 | 35.00 |
| Russell Creek ...... | Troy Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert, Eld. S. J. Corn, Richard Willis, alt. .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 11 | 20.00 |
| Ridgeway ............ | Hilda Mosely, Bro. Marvin Hodges, Eld. R. D. Bell, Ethel Wilson, alt. .................................................. | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 7 | 25.00 |
| Goodwill .............. | J. D. Cassell, Homer Minter, Eld. N. G. Hutchings, J. W. Thomas .. | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 40 | 41.00 |
| Macedonia .......... | Eld. N. G. Hutchins, E. M. Hopkins, T. D. Flinchum, Myrtle Hall .... | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 14 | 37.00 |
| Aaron Fork ........ | Will Stevens, Charlie Moore, Will Bryant, Noah Lawson, alt. ... | 3 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 28 | 35.00 |

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## NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to give our thanks to God for His love and mercy in once again bringing us together in love and peace. Our thanks also for each one who visited our association. May God be with us until we meet again.

Also we express our deep appreciation to Aaron's Fork Church, and all of those who helped to entertain the Association. Their loving care in the preparation for us will long be remembered. We thank God upon every remembrance of you.

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## ORDINATION OF A DEACON

By request of the Draper Primitive Baptist Church of Christ a presbytery of Elders and Deacons was called together on the fourth Saturday night, April 29, 1968, for the purpose of inquiring into the qualifications of Brother Grady Clark for the office of Deacon. The presbytery was organized for electing Elder Leonard Cassell moderator and Elder Layton Wingfield Clerk. Deacon George C. Harris was appointed spokesman for the church. Elder Albert Doss was appointed to question the spokesman for the church.. Elder N. G. Hutchens was appointed to question the candidate and Elder Leonard Cassell was appointed to deliver the charge. Elder H. D. Prillaman was appointed to pray the ordination prayer. After the examination of the candidate, the presbytery felt satisfied that Brother Clark was qualified and established in the doctrine. And that he will make a good deacon. Then the presbytery laid hands on Brother Clark. The ordination prayer was delivered, ordaining him a deacon.

Then Brother Clark was delivered back into the hand of the church as their Deacon. Done by the order of the Draper Church April 22, 1968.

—Elder Leonard Cassell, Moderator; Elder Layton Wingfield, Clerk
Those composing the above presbytery were as follows: Elder Leonard Cassell, Elder Layton Wingfield, Deacon George C. Harris, Elder Albert Doss, Elder N. G. Hutchins, and Elder H. D. Prillaman.

## ORDINATION OF MINISTER

August 31, 1968

We the presbytery pursuant to a call by Russell Creek Church, Patrick County, Virginia, to enquire into the qualification of Brother Richard Willis to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

Organized by electing Elder S. L. Gilbert Moderator, Elder Frank Pegram, Clerk, Elder Sam Corns spokesman for the church, Elder W. J. Puckett to question the candidate, Elder J. S. Sechriest to deliver the charge, Elder H. D. Prilliman to pray the ordination prayer.

Brother Richard Willis upon being questioned and being found orthodox is hereby returned back into the hands of Russell Creek Church, ordained into the full work of the Gospel Ministry..

—Moderator, Elder S. L. Gilbert; Clerk, Elder Frank Pegram; Questioned, Elder W. J. Puckett; Charged, Elder J. S. Sechriest; Ordination Prayer, Elder H. D. Prillaman; Church Spokesman, Elder Sam J. Corn. — Noel Tilley, George Jamerson, Dewey B. Rakes, J. T. Manring.

# Minutes

OF THE

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PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA
OCTOBER 3, 4, 5,

1969

Next session to be held with the Church at Matrimony in Rockinham County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1970.

## OFFICERS

ELDER J. G. GARDNER - Moderator, Stoneville, N. C.
ELDER S. L. GILBERT - Clerk, P. O. Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Ph. 767-0917
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# *Minutes*

## Of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, Held With the Church at Spoon Creek, Patrick County, Virginia, October 3, 4, 5, 1969

FRIDAY MORNING—October 3, 1869

After praise and prayer by Elder Charley Coalson, the introductory was preached by Elder S. L. Gilbert, text Gal. 3:1, 2, 3, 4.

After an intermission of one hour, the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors. The association was opened with song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

1. Letters were called for from the several churches and read. On motion and carried the letters were received and the messengers seated, and their names enrolled in our statistical table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried, the Association elected Elder James Gardner Moderator, Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk, Brother Winfred Young Assistant Clerk.

4. On motion and carried omitted the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

5. On motion and carried the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: Brother Jimmie Martin and Brother Buddy Crotts.

Distribute minutes: Elder W. J. Puckett and Deacon Willie Cassell.

Arrangements: Messengers of this church (with the exception of Brother Buddy Crotts) together with the Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

6. Called for correspondence from sister associations.

Abbotts Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson and wife, Brother Comer and wife, Elder Calvin Harward, Brethren Northern Trogdon and wife, Jesse Trogdon, many others.

Bear Creek:

Black Creek: Brother Paul Carraway and wife, Elder C. M. Stevens, Brother A. B. C. Lamb and wife, others.

Blue Ridge: Brother Henry Cassell and wife, Elder Benny Clifton and wife, Elder B. H. Martin and wife, Elder Emmett Stone, Elder Layton Wingfield, Brother Calvin Stovall, Elder Harvey Prilliman, Benny Clifton, Leonard Cassell and wife, many others.

Lower Country Line: Elder Jack Hawkins and wife, Hubert Browning, I. M. Garrard, and others.

Laurel Springs: Elder Charley Coalson, Brother Grover McKinney and wife, Elder Roy Flippin and wife, Elder Troy Hill and wife, and others.

Little River: Elder Floyd Adams and wife, Brother E. B. Pearce and wife.

Mates Creek: Elder Charley Whitt and wife.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

New River: Brother Early Harris and wife, Brother Simpkins and wife, Elder Sebron Sechriest and wife, Brother J. D. Wade, others.

Salem: Elder Claude Brown, Sister Ollie Neal, Brother Parrish, Elder G. W. Hill and wife, H. P. Somers, and many others.

Seven Mile: Brother Alonza Barefoot and wife.

White Oak: Minutes.

Newport News Church:

Mewborn's: Brother B. L. Bartlett and wife, Sister Nina Mewborn, Sister Henriette Herrin.

Glenwood Park: Elder Ernest Branch, Sister Maggie Priddy, Sister Gracie Lawless, Sister Young and Brother Richard Lawless.

Hopewell, California:

Little Flock:

Bannister Springs: Elders M. C. Merricks, Melvin Shelton.

Macedonia Church, Fla.: Elder John Simpson and wife.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondence.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday at 9:30. Dismissed by Elder Floyd Adams.

SATURDAY MORNING—October 4, 1969

After praise and prayer by Elder Calvin Harward, proceeded as follows:

9. Called for messengers who visited sister associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received, and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders J. G. Gardner, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert, Jack Pulliam, Henry Shelton.

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Blue Ridge: Elders J. G. Gardner, W. J. Puckett, Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert, Deacons J. B. Hutchins, Henry Shelton.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. G. Gardner, Jack Pulliam, N. G. Hutchins, S. L. Gilbert, Deacon Henry Shelton.

Lower Country Line: Elders J. G. Gardner, Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert, Deacons Henry Shelton, Jimmie Martin.

Little River: Jack Pulliam, N. G. Hutchins, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert, Deacon Henry Shelton.

Mates Creek: Elders W. J. Puckett, J. G. Gardner, Jack Pulliam, Deacon Henry Shelton.

Mill Branch: Elders Jack Pulliam, J. G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert, Deacon Henry Shelton, Brother Willie Stevens.

New River: Elders W. J. Puckett, J. G. Gardner, N. G. Hutchins, Jack Pulliam, Deacon Henry Shelton.

Salem: Elders Jack Pulliam, J. G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert, Deacons Henry Shelton, Jimmie Martin.

Seven Mile: Elders Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert. Deacon Henry Shelton.

White Oak: Elders Jack Pulliam, N. G. Hutchins, Henry Shelton.

12. On motion and carried that the Clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried the sum of $175.17 be turned over to the Finance Committee.

14. On motion and carried the sum of $80.00 be given

the Clerk for printing and mailing minutes.

15. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

16. On motion and carried the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed.

17. The Finance Committee was called upon to report. The report was received and the committee was ordered held until the close of the association Sunday.

18. On motion and carried the next session of the Lower Mayo Association be held with the church at Matrimony, in Rockingham County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1970.

19. Resolved: That we give our humble thanks to the heavenly Father for His wondrous love and mercy in bringing us together again upon the shores of time in peace and love. Also our thanks for each and every one who visited our Association.

We would not forget the Patrick County School Board and Mr. N. C. Terry for their kindness in allowing us the use of the Reynolds Memorial school building. Also bearing in remembrance Mrs. Lillian Byrd and Mr. Leonard Belials for their labors and kind assistance. God be with us all until we meet again.

20. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Dismissed by Elder Jack Hawkins.

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator
ELDER S. L. GILBERT, Clerk
BROTHER WINFRED YOUNG, Ass't Clerk

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## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning, October 3, 1969:**

Elder Charley Coalson, praise and prayer
Elder Sam L. Gilbert, Introductory Sermon, Gal. 3:1-4

**Friday Evening:**

Elder Charley Coalson, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God."
Elder S. T. Atkinson, 1 Cor. 3:4, 5.
Elder Floyd Adams, Prov. 9:10, 11
Elder Sid Bunn, no special text
Elder Claude Brown, Num. 27:12
Elder Emmett Stone, dismissed.

**Saturday Morning, October 4, 1969:**

Elder Calvin Harward, praise and prayer
Elder Emmett Stone, Clerk failed to get text
Elder Roy Flippin, Clerk failed to get text
Elder Benny Clifton, Rev. "A new heaven and a new earth."
Elder Harvey Prilliman, Jer. 13:23
Elder Jack Hawkins, Psa. 147:1

**Saturday Evening:**

Elder Calvin Harward, Matt. 25:35
Elder H. P. Somers, Rev. 4:14
Elder M. C. Merricks, Psa. 89:25
Elder Troy Hill, Rev. 15
Elder C. M. Stevens, John 9:2
Elder W. E. Staley, no special text
Elder Frank Pegram, dismissed.

**Sunday Morning, October 5, 1969:**

Elder J. S. Sechriest, praise and prayer
Elder Melvin Shelton, John 1:1
Elder Charlie Whitt, Clerk failed to get text
Elder John Simpson, Matt. 11:1, 2

**Sunday Evening:**

Elder Earnest Branch, no special text
Elder J. S. Sechriest, "Whosoever believeth."
Elder G. W. Hill
Elder Jim Moody, dismissed.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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|---|---|---|
| Received from the churches | $431.00 | |
| Balance in 1st National Bank, Winston Salem, | 175.17 | $606.17 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Allowed the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Allowed the Clerk | 20.00 | |
| Reimbursed Clerk for extra expense for 1968 | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Assistant Clerk | 5.00 | |
| Gave school cafeteria attendant | 25.00 | |
| Gave janitor for services | 25.00 | |
| Donated to R.J.R. Mem. School for use of building | 10.00 | |
| Allowed Clerk for printing and mailing Minutes | 80.00 | |
| Gave visiting ministers | 255.00 | $440.17 |
| Balance in First Union National Bank, Winston Salem, N. C. | | $166.00 |

## ORDINATION OF DEACON

By the request of Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church of Christ a presbytery of Elders and deacons was called together on the fourth Saturday evening, May 24, 1969, for the purpose of inquiring into the qualifications of Brother Ernest Hopkins for the office of deacon.

The service was opened by song and prayer by Elder G. W. Hill. The presbytery was organized by electing Elder G. W. Hill, Moderator, Grady Clark, Clerk, Deacons Troy Flinchum, spokesman for the church. Elder W. J. Puckett was appointed to inquire into his qualifications. Elder Leonard Cassell was appointed to pray the ordination prayer. Elder N. G. Hutchins was appointed to deliver the charge. After examination of the candidate the presbytery agreed that Brother Hopkins was qualified for the office of deacon. The presbytery felt that with God's help he will make a good deacon. The ordination prayer was delivered by Elder Leonard Cassell. While all ordained authorities that were present laid hands on the candidate. Then Elder N. G. Hutchins delivered the charge. Then Macedonia Church agreed by their seats and silence that it was willing to receive the work of the presbytery. Then the presbytery agreed to deliver Brother Ernest Hopkins back into the hands of the church, as their beloved deacon.

Those that composed the above presbytery were as follows:

Elder G. W. Hill, Elder W. J. Puckett, Elder Leonard Cassell, Elder N. G. Hutchins, and Deacon Grady Clark, Deacon Troy Flinchum. Other ordained authorities that were present were:

Elder H. P. Somers, Deacon Henry Tate, Deacon J. W. Cassell, Deacon H. L. Shelton, and Deacon C. M. Moore.

## ELDERS OF LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name | Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|---|
| S. J. Corn, | Stuart, Va. | 1961 |
| R. D. Bell, | Mayodan, N. C. | 1939 |
| N. G. Hutchins, | Stoneville, N. C. | 1961 |
| W. H. Freeman, | Rt. 1, Box 72, Tabor City, N. C. | 1932 |
| W. J. Puckett, | Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| James Gardner, | Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| L. G. Stewart, | Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. | 1959 |
| A. A. Doss, | Rt. 1, Evington, Va. | 1951 |
| Rondle Saunders, | Eden, N. C. | 1967 |
| Richard D. Willis, | Meadow Lane Dr., Winston-Salem, N. C. | 1967 |
| Willie Booth, | Madison, N. C. | 1951 |
| Jack Pulliam, | Spray, N. C. | 1930 |
| S. L. Gilbert, | P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C. | 1943 |

**Licentiates:**

Brother Burnice Taylor
Brother Elijah Stowe

## CLERKS, ADDRESSES, No. MINUTES, MONTH OF COMMUNION

Spoon Creek: 50 Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in Aug.
Pleasant Grove: 50. J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in Sept.
Mayodan: 50. Henry Shelton, Rt. 7, Reidsville, N. C. 3rd in May, Oct.
Russell Creek: 40. Addie Smith, Stuart, Va. First Sunday in August.
Ridgeway: 25. Hilda Mosely, Rt. 4, Box 108, Martinsville, Va.; First Sunday in June.
Macedonia: 50. T. D. Flinchum, Rt. 2, Box 104 Leaksville, N. C. Fourth Sunday in May and September.
Aaron Fork: 40. Winfred Young, Lawsonville, N. C. 3rd in Aug.
Goodwill: 50. Eld. L. J. Stewart, Rt. 3, Reidsville, N. C. 1st in July.
Draper: 25. Grady Clark, Rt. 2, Box 76, Eden, N. C. 4th Sun. in Oct.
Matrimony: 40. Mabel Rhodes, Stoneville, N. C. 2nd Sun in July.

## ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Abbotts Creek: Eld. Calvin Harward, Rt. 7, Box 901, Sanford, N. C. 30
Bear Creek: T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 403, Monroe, N. C. ........ 20
Black Creek: L. G. Brantly, Spring Hope, N. C. ........ 20
Blue Ridge: Noel Tilley, Rt. 1, Box 350, Fieldale, Va. ........ 20
Laurel Springs: George Fulk, Pilot Mountain, N. C. ........ 20
Lower Country Line: Reuben C. Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N. C. ..... 20
Little River: C. L. Ogburn, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C. ........ 20

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| Mill Branch: M. B. Paul, 703 N. Wilson Dr., Cheraw, S. C. | 20 |
| Mates Creek: N. E. Stanley, Box 193, Hardy, Ky. | 20 |
| New River: G. E. Duncan, Rt. 1, Box 346, Radford, Va. | 20 |
| Salem: Eld. A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. | 20 |
| Seven Mile: Carol Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425, Springlake, N. C. 28390 | 20 |
| White Oak: M. M. Gray, Rt. 2, Box 224, Jacksonville, N. C. | 20 |

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the Rules of this Decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any term or appellation other than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After which any messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the characters of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional an the part of the creature.

4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.

5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the law of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means

which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse he call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.

8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His grace, shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is indendent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no ministers have a righte to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things what soever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1:5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established, in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (Thess. 1:4, 5; 2 Pet. 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5, 6,) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

| CHURCHES | CHURCH MESSENGERS | Sun. of Meeting | By Exp. & Bap. | Rec'd by Letter | Restored to Fel. | Rec'd by Relation | Dis'd by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Tot. Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matrimony | Brothers Elijah Stowe, Jimmie Martin, Sister Mae Stowe, Sister Mabel Rhodes, alternate | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 17 | $109.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | Brethren J. B. Hutchins, J. T. Manring, Sisters Trudie Bullins, Vesta Hutchins, alternate | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 20 | 30.00 |
| Draper | Brethren Thomas Pulliam, Grady Clark, Elder Albert Doss, Sister Mattie McDaniel, alternate | 4 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 3 | 14 | 37.00 |
| Mayodan | Elder W. J. Puckett, Brother Charlie Hopkins, Sister Luck Hopkins, Sister Veocie Goad, alternate | 3 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 2 | 34 | 25.00 |
| Russell Creek | Brother Troy Hutchins, Elders S. J. Corn, and S. L. Gilbert, Sister Addie Smith, alternate | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 11 | 25.00 |
| Ridgeway | Brother Marvin Hodge, Elder H. P. Somers, Sister Hilda Moseley, Sister Ethel Wilson, alternate | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 7 | 26.00 |
| Goodwill | Brethren Willie Cassell, J. M. Thomas, Elder A. A. Doss, Brother Abbie Deal, alternate | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 1 | 37 | 54.00 |
| Macedonia | Elder N. G. Hutchins, Brother T. D. Flinchum, Sister Bessie Clark, Sister Nena Phillips, alternate | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 13 | 37.00 |
| Aaron Fork | Brethren Willie Stevens, Winfred Young, Elder N. G. Hutchins, Brother Zeb Mabe, alternate | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 27 | 40.00 |
| Spoon Creek | Brethren Buddy Crotts, Frank Wood, Cletus Turner, Earl Huffman, alternate | 2 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 33 | 47.00 |

# Minutes

Of The

Thirty-Eighth
Annual Session
Of The

# Low Mayo
# Primitive Baptist Association

Held With
The Church at
Matrimony
Rockingham County, North Carolina

## 1970

Next session to be held with the Church at Pleasant Grove
in Patrick County Virginia beginning on Friday
before the first Sunday in October, 1971

*Officers*

ELDER J. G. GARDNER, Moderator — Stoneville, N. C.
ELDER S. L. GILBERT, Clerk — P. O. Box 4391
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105
WINFRED YOUNG, Assistant Clerk - Lawsonville, N. C.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

*Lower Mayo Primitive Baptist Association convened with the church at Matrimony, Rockingham County North Carolina on October 2, 3, 4, 1970.*

### *Friday Morning, October 2, 1970*

After praise and prayer by Elder Paul Lamm, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. J. Corn, no special text, followed by Elder N. G. Hutchins, text: "Restore unto me the joy of thy Salvation". Psalms.

After an intermission of about an hour the association met in the house together with messengers and visitors. The association was opened with song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

1. Letters were called for from the several churches and read. On motion and carried the letters were received and the messengers seated, and their names enrolled in our statistical table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. On motion and carried the association elected Elder James G. Gardner moderator. On motion and carried the association elected Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk, Deacon Winfred Young, assistant clerk.

4. On motion and carried omitted the reading of the rules of decorum.

5. On motion and carried that the moderator make all temporary appointments.

Finance: Deacons H. E. Wood and Jimmie Martin.

Distribute Minutes: Deacons Marvin Hodge and W. T. Hutchins.

Preaching arrangements: Elders N. G. Hutchins, Elisha Stowe, together with moderator, clerk, assistant clerk and officers of Matrimony Church.

6. Called for correspondents from Sister Associations:

Abbotts Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Brethren Jesse Trogden, Northern Trogden and wife, Percy Lovall and others.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Black Creek: Elder Paul Lamm and wife, Paul Carraway and wife, Brethren Jake Ferrell, Walter Barnes.

Blue Ridge: Deacons Homer Minter and wife, Elders H. D. Prillaman, Frank Pegram, L. L. Cassell, Layton Wingfield, Calvert Fulcher, Tommy Brammer, Benny Clifton, Dewey Rakes, Emmett Stone, J. C. Stovall, Roy Joyce and many others.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brethren Geo. Walker,

I. M. Garrard and wife, Hubert Browning, Everette Hill, and many others.

Laurel Springs: On motion and carried that we not seat them at this time.

Little River: Elder Floyd Adams and wife, Bro. R. L. Fish.

Mates Creek: Brother Berlin Ball and wife, Brother Surratt and wife.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

New River: A. E. Smith and wife, Gervis Duncan and wife, J. D. Wade, Sisters Ruby Harris, Tida Phillips and others.

Salem: Elder G. W. Hill, Elder Claude Brown, Elder Hugh Wray, Elder Polo Somers, Brethren Otis Cobb, Marvin Rice, Seth Biggs and wife, many others.

Seven Mile: Brother Graham Jackson.

White Oak: Minutes.

Independent Churches:

Mewborn's Church: Brother Bartlett and wife, Sister Herrin.

Glenwood Park, Hopewell Cali, Little Cali.

Elder B. K. Smith from California, Clerk did not get name of his church.

Bannister Springs: Elder M. C. Merricks.

Macedonia Church.

7. On motion and carried that we seat our correspondents and visitors.

8. On motion and carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed by Elder Floyd Adams.

### *Saturday Morning, October 3, 1970*

The Association met according to previous arrangements, and was opened with song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

Then proceeded to business as follows:

9. Called for messengers who visited sister associations.

10. On motion and carried the report was received and those who could not attend were excused.

11. Appointed messengers to sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elder W. J. Puckett, A. A. Doss, J. G. Gardner, Jack Pulliam, S. L. Gilbert, N. G. Hutchins, Deacon Henry Shelton, Brother Will Stevens.

Black Creek: Jack Pulliam, A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett, S. L. Gilbert, Deacon Henry Shelton.

Bear Creek: Elders W. J. Puckett, Jack Pulliam, Deacon Henry Shelton, S. L. Gilbert. Deacon Henry Shelton, Elder Jack Pulliam.

Blue Ridge: Elders W. J. Puckett, J. B. Hutchins, A. A. Doss, J. G. Gardner, S. L. Gilbert, Deacon Henry Shelton, Elder Jack Pulliam.

Laurel Springs: We have a standing order in our association that any of our brethren attending our corresponding associations, be recognized as messengers. And are so authorized to seat with the Laurel Springs association if conditions have been established, whereby we together with our corresponding brethren may seat with them. Let it be so recorded in our minutes.

Lower Country Line: Elders T. E. Stowe, Richard Willis, J. G. Gardner, A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett, Jack Pulliam, Deacon Henry Shelton.

Mates Creek: Elders J. G. Gardner, W. J. Puckett, Richard Willis, Deacon Henry Shelton, Elder A. A. Doss.

Mill Branch: Elders L. G. Stewart, N. G. Hutchins, W. J. Puckett, A. A. Doss, J. G. Gardner, Henry Shelton.

New River: Elders W. J. Puckett, Richard Willis, N. G. Hutchins, A. A. Doss, Jack Pulliam, Deacon Henry Ahelton.

Seven Mile: Elders Jack Pulliam, W. J. Puckett, Richard Willis, A. A. Doss, Deacon Henry Shelton.

White Oak: Elders Jack Pulliam, A. A. Doss, W. J. Puckett, Deacon Henry Shelton.

12. On motion and carried that the clerk be given the right to correct all mistakes.

13. On motion and carried that the sum of ($166.17) be turned over to the Finance Committee.

14. On motion and carried the sum of ($100.00) be allowed the clerk for printing and mailing minutes.

15. On motion and carried that the clerk be given the right to select the most appropriate printer for the printing of minutes this year. And if the cost should go beyond ($100.00) he be allowed to draw on reserve for difference.

16. On motion and carried the contributions be used as usual.

17. On motion and carried the clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed.

18. The Finance Committee was called on to report. They reported from Churches ($495.00) friends ($10.00). On motion and carried the report was received and the committee ordered held until the close of the association Sunday.

19. On motion and carried the next session of the Lower Mayo Association to be held with the church of Pleasant Grove in Patrick County Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first

Sunday in October, 1971, the Lord willing, and continuing three days. Direction for reaching Pleasant Grove Church will be given in Zion's Landmark.

20. Resolved: That we render thanksgiving to the Heavenly Father for his loving kindness toward us in having brought us together once more in peace and enabled us by His Grace to part in the same. We thank the friends and members who have been so faithful to prepare and look after the welfare of our visiting Brethren and Sisters and friends.

We thank the Henry County School Board for their kindness in allowing us the use of the Ridgeway High School auditorium. Also to the janitors who were so considerate of our comfort. These kind thoughts upon the part of all, will long be remembered.

21. On motion and carried that we adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Dismissed by Elder N. G. Hutchins.

Elder J. G. Gardner, Moderator
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Clerk
Deacon Winfred Young, Assistant Clerk

## ORDER OF PREACHING

***Friday Morning, October 2, 1970***

Praise and Prayer by Elder Paul Lamm.

Introductory Sermon: Elder S. J. Corn. No special text.

Followed by Elder N. G. Hutchins: "Restore Unto Me The Joy Of Thy Salvation."

***Friday Evening***

Elder Floyd Adams: Mark 16:9-18.

Elder S. T. Atkinson: "Blest are they that do mourn."

Brother R. L. Fish: Pro. 14:12.

Dismissed by Brother R. L. Fish.

***Saturday Morning, October 3, 1970***

Praise and Prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

Elder Emmett Stone: St. John 1:1-2-

Elder Calvert Fulcher: Eph. 1:29.

Elder H. P. Somers: Psalm 128.

Elder Benny Clifton: "If all the works of Christ, etc."

Elder M. C. Merricks: Heb. 4:4.

Elder L. P. Martin: Psalms 76:10.

***Saturday Evening:***

Elder B. K. Smith: No special text.

Elder Melvin Shelton: Rom. 9:11.

Elder G. W. Hill: "All power in Heaven and earth etc."

Elder H. D. Prillaman: Luke Chap 1:1-4.
Dismissed by Elder Melvin Shelton.

*Sunday Morning, October 4, 1970:*

Praise and Prayer by Elder Calvert Fulcher.
Elder Hugh Wray: Rom. 7:15.
Elder L. L. Cassell: Matt. 18:18, 19, 20.
Elder Layton Wingfield: Isa. 35:5-8.
Elder Dewey Rakes: Deut. 7:6.

*Sunday Evening:*

Elder Claude Brown: Clerk failed to get text.
Elder J. G. Gardner: No special text.
Dismissed by Elder H. P. Somers.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Received From Churches | $495.00 |
| Received From Friends | 10.00 |
| Balance On Hand First Union National Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C. | 166.17 |
| Total | $671.17 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Paid For Janitor Service | $ 32.00 |
| Allowed For Use of School Building | 15.00 |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 |
| Gave Clerk | 20.00 |
| Gave Assistant Clerk | 5.00 |
| Allowed For Printing and Mailing Minutes | 100.00 |
| Gave Visiting Ministers | 170.00 |
| Donated Brother Burnice Taylor | 47.00 |
| Total Disbursements | $399.00 |
| Balance On Hand First Union National Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C. | $272.17 |

## ELDERS OF THE LOWER MAYO ASSOCIATION

| Name Address | Date of Ordination |
|---|---|
| Elder N. G. Hutchins, Stoneville, N. C. | 1961 |
| W. H. Freeman, Chapel Hill, N. C. | 1932 |
| W. J. Puckett, Pine Hall, N. C. | 1940 |
| James G. Gardner, Stoneville, N. C. | 1943 |
| L. G. Stewart, Rt. 3, Box 82, Reidsville, N. C. | 1959 |
| A. A. Doss, Rt. 1, Evington, Virginia | 1951 |
| Richard D. Willis | 1967 |
| Jack Pulliam, Spray, N. C. | 1930 |

S. L. Gilbert, P. O. Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C. ..............1943
S. J. Corn, Stuart, Va. ..............................................................1961
R. D. Bell, Mayodan, N. C. .......................................................1939
Liceniate: Burnice Taylor

## Clerks, Addresses, No. Minutes, Month of Communion

Spoon Creek, 50, Cletus Turner, Bassett, Va. Second Sunday in August.
Pleasant Grove, 50, J. B. Hutchins, Stuart, Va. Third Sunday in September.
Mayodan, 50, Henry Shelton, Rt., Reidsville, N. C. Third Sunday in May.
Russell Creek, 40, Addie Smith, Stuart, Va. First Sunday in August.
Ridgeway, 25, Hilda Mosely, Rt. 6, Box 233, Martinsville, Va. First Sunday in June.
Macedonia, 50, T. D. Flinchum, 520 Walnut Street, Eden, N. C. Fourth Sunday in May.
Aaron Fork, 40, Winfred Young, Lawsonville, N. C. Third Sunday in August.
Goodwille, 50, Elder L. G. Stewart, Rt. 3, Box 82, First Sunday in July.
Draper, 25, Grady Clark, Rt. 2, Box 76, Eden, N. C. Fourth Sunday in September.
Matrimony, 40, Mabel Rhodes, Stoneville, N. C. Second Sunday in July.

## ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Abbotts Creek: Elder Calvin Harward, Rt. 7, Box 901, Sanford, N. C. .............................. 30
Bear Creek: Elder W. C. Edwards, 1417 David Drive, Shelby, N. C. .............................. 20
Black Creek: L. G. Brantly, Spring Hope, N. C. ......................... 20
Blue Ridge: Noel Tilley, Rt. 1, Box 350, Fieldale, Va. ............. 20
Laurel Springs: George Fulk, Pilot Mountain, N. C. ....................20
Lower Country Line: Reuben Bowes, Rt. 4, Roxboro, N.C. ........ 20
Little River: Thomas R. Whitley, 909 Wade Ave., Garner, N. C. 27529 ........................................ 20
Mill Branch: M. B. Paul, 703 N. Wilson Drive, Cheraw, S. C. ........................................ 20
Mates Creek: Elmer Smith, P. O. Box 34, McAndrews, Ky. ........................................20
New River: G. E. Duncan, Rt. 1, Box 346, Radford, Va. .............20

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Burlington, N. C. .......... 20
Seven Mile: Carol Wood, Rt. 1, Box 425,
Spring Lake, N. C. .......... 20
White Oak: M. M. Gray, Rt. 2, Box 224,
Jacksonville, N. C. .......... 20

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.
5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.
6. Messengers shall keep strict order while in business of the association is being transacted.
7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the rules of decorum.
8. No messenger shall address another in any term or appellation other than the title of brother.
9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.
10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After which any messenger having a right to speak may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.
11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and this God has revealed himself in His Word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word; which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended as contained in the Books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.
3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and unconditional an the part of the creature.
4. We believe that Adam fell from his state of rectitude and he involved himself and all his natural offspring in the state of death, and for that original transgression, we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of a holy God.
5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures, to keep the laws of God perfectly, and repent of their sins truly, as we believe in Christ, except that man be drawn by the Holy Spirit.
6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way by means which He has ordained, the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified; and that it is impossible that we can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.
7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ; received and applied by faith alone.
8. We believe in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.
9. We believe that such as are converted, justified, and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.
10. We believe it to be the duty incumbent on all of God's people to walk religiously in God's works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor

of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principal of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches the keeping or maintaining of any principal or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. We believe for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of several churches of the aforesaid faith and order ought to meet in an association way, wherein each church is to represent their case by their delegates, and attend as often as necessary to advise in such matters, but Associations, as such, are to be in no wise binding on churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

Articles 1 and 7, Chapter 3, London Confession of Faith: "God has (Isaiah 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:7; Rom. 9:15-18) decreed in Himself from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever come to pass; yet so as thereby God is neither the author of sin (James 1:15-17; 1 John 1-5) nor hath fellowship with any therein, nor is violence offered to the will of the creature; nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather (Acts 4:27, 28; John 19:11) established in which appeals His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness (Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5) in accomplishing His decree."

"The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care; that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may from the certainty of their effectual vocation be assured of their (Thess. 1:4, 5, 2 Peter 1:10) eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 11:33) of praise, reverence and admiration of God, and (Rom. 11:5, 6) of humility, diligence and abundant (Luke 1:20) consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| Churches Messengers | Sunday of Meeting | By Exp. & Bap. | Rec'd By Letter | Restored To Fellowship | Rec'd By Relation | Dis'd By Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Tot. Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pleasant Grove: J. T. Manring, O. B. Gilley, J. B. Hutchins, Sister Vesta Hutchins, Alt. | 3 | | | | | | | 1 | 19 | 30.00 |
| Draper: Deacon Grady Clark, Eld. L. L. Cassell, Benton Chaney, Thomas Pulliam, Alt. | 4 | | | | | | | | 14 | 35.00 |
| Mayodan: H. L. Shelton, Charlie Hopkins, Eld. W. J. Puckett, Billie Paine, Alt. | 3 | | | | | | | 2 | 32 | 40.00 |
| Russell Creek: Troy Hutchins, Eld. S. J. Corn, S. L. Gilbert, Sister Mary Corn, Alt. | 1 | | | | | | | | 11 | 23.00 |
| Ridgeway: Marvin Hodges, Sister Hilda Mosely, Eld. H. P. Somers, Sister Ethel Wilson, Alt. | 1 | | | | | | | | 7 | 50.00 |
| Goodwill: J. D. Cassell, Elds. L. G. Stewart, N. G. Hutchins, Willie Sassell, Alt. | 1 | | | | | | | 3 | 34 | 50.00 |
| Macedonia: E. M. Hopkins, T. D. Flinchum, Eld. N. G. Hutchins, Sister Myrtle Hall, Alt. | 4 | | | | | | | | 12 | 42.00 |
| Aaron Fork: Winfred Young, Will Stevens, Charlie Moore, Zeb Mabe, Alt. | 3 | | | | | | | 1 | 27 | 45.00 |
| Spoon Creek: H. E. Wood, Charley Stowe, Sammy Wood, Cletus Turner, Alt. | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | 35 | 60.00 |
| Matrimony: Jimmie Martin, Eld. T. E. Stowe, Sister Annie Martin, Eld. J. G. Gardner, Alt. | | | | | | | | | 18 | 120.00 |

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